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Colonel-in-Chief

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



Message from the Colonel-in-Chief
The Countess
Mountbatten of Burma, CBE, CD, JP, DL

It is with great pleasure that I once again write some remarks for The Patrician. Since its inception, this publication has provided a tremendous means of showcasing the many activities that our Patricias are involved in. In reviewing the year's events, I was once again amazed at how much was accomplished this year by the officers and soldiers of my Regiment.

There were, of course, the two tours in Bosnia by the First and Second Battalions. I had the good fortune along with my son, Timothy and General de Chastelain, of visiting the First Battalion in March just prior to its redeployment home. Despite the weather, which challenged the logistical aspects of our trip, it was a splendid visit and I was tremendously proud of the work being performed by my Patricias in this war-torn area.

The highlight of this past year was for me, of course, my visit to Edmonton in June and to be able to preside at the very important Regimental occasion of the Change of Appointment ceremony of the Colonels of the Regiment. It was very sad indeed to bid farewell to General de Chastelain, who had managed some how, at the same time to regularly and frequently cross the Atlantic for his duties overseeing the De-commissioning of arms in Ireland. I was also very pleased to welcome another old friend, Major-General Stewart, as our new Colonel of our Regiment. Both officers are men of great distinction and the Regiment is very well served by them both. I also had the pleasure of bestowing Honorary Patricia status on the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, Lois Hole and on Colonel Francis Weircinski, Commander Task Force Rakassan Op APOLLO, 101st Airborne, US Army for their outstanding support to the Regiment. Our Regimental family is enriched by their addition.

As in past years, 2003 was a year of high and low points. I was saddened by the news of the death of BGen Stuart Graham, who was a very proud soldier who led a full life and served his Regiment very well, especially as the Colonel of the Regiment from October 1987 to October 1990. I was also saddened to hear of the death of Cpl Jamie Vermeulen. A dedicated, enthusiastic 2nd Battalion soldier who enjoyed life and served his Regiment loyally since 1986.

I was heartened by the formal recognition of the accomplishments of many Regimental personages through the awarding of various medals and awards. While extremely proud of the awards earned by soldiers in operations, I was especially pleased by the awarding of the Meritorious Service Medal (Civil) to Rod Middleton for his unwavering and dedicated support of the Regimental Museum and the Regiment's heritage. The presentation of the Commander-in-Chief's Unit Commendation to the Third Battalion capped off an extraordinary year of recognition for the soldiers and the Regiment.

Whether on operations in Bosnia, fighting fires in British Columbia or working tirelessly in the Association or at the Museum, my Patricias continue to do great things. I am proud of you all.

Colonel of the Regiment

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Message from the Colonel of the Regiment Major-General (Ret'd) R.I. Stewart, CMM, CD

Since my appointment as Colonel of the Regiment in June 2003, I have been extremely impressed by the accomplishments of the Regiment. While this has always been the case, my appointment has provided an opportunity to see the current serving soldiers and officers up close and personal. I have stood on parade with them, watched as they were awarded individually and en masse, patrolled on operations with them and soldiered with them in the field. I can say categorically that I have liked what I've seen. Today's soldiers are as tough, robust, proud, and skilled in the field as any that I have seen in my forty years of soldiering. In a word, they are professional.



My first six months as Colonel of the Regiment have been remarkable. I had the pleasure of attending the Change of Command parades of the First Battalion and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment during the summer as well the badging ceremony in Gagetown for our new subbies. I visited the Second Battalion in Bosnia where I found the Area of Operations secure and in good hands and followed this with a visit to the Western Area Training Centre where I had the opportunity to see our new soldiers under going training and to present them with their Patricia badges. In December, I watched proudly as the Third Battalion was duly recognized for its outstanding tour of duty in Afghanistan. Throughout the year many deserving individual and units have received awards and are an example of the high calibre of our soldiers. Well done to all recipients.

I am extremely proud to have been appointed the Colonel of the Regiment. The appointment allows me to continue to serve the Regimental Family and to continue to serve with soldiers. I look forward to my "tour of duty" and to serving with soldiers for the next two and half years. I am sure I will continue to be impressed.

All the best for good soldiering!



EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Message from the Regimental Major Major E.A. Giraldeau, CD

I enjoy editing the production of The Patrician. I enjoy it because I get to read (and sometimes correct) the articles that are submitted from across the Regiment. I am always amazed at the wide range of activities that members of the Regiment are involved in.

The Regular Force battalions always seem to be very busy. The tempo of operations and training is nothing short of hectic. The troops seem to be constantly engaged in either challenging and exciting training exercises or on operations, be they domestic ops like fire fighting or international ops in Bosnia and elsewhere. The troops are busy and there is not much down time between activities but I'm sure they would rather be busy than bored.

The Loyal Eddie soldiers are, relatively speaking, busy as well. I continue to be impressed by the dedication of the citizen-soldiers who balance civilian careers and schooling with their military service.

I also enjoy reading about the exploits of our regimentally affiliated cadet corps. These young men and women (future Patricias?) clearly enjoy themselves within the military environment. Their enthusiasm and eagerness is inspiring and presents a good reminder of why many of us joined the Army in the first place.

Finally, I enjoy reading about and seeing the pictures of the various gatherings of our retired members. The bonds of friendship and Regimental spirit that have endured over years of service and beyond is heartening. It is good to see living examples of the saying "Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia."



There is something special about the ties that link all members of the Regiment. From the Army cadets to the Reserve and Regular Force soldiers through to the Old Guard, Patricias from across the spectrum of the Regiment contribute in their own way to strengthening the fabric of the Regiment. It is hoped that The Patrician can be a reflection of the many aspects of this fine Regimental Family.

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Responsibilities

Regimental Headquarters (RHQ) is the only component of the Regiment devoted exclusively to Regimental Affairs; it is the general office of the Regiment.

Regimental Headquarters is responsible for:

- being the Secretariat of the Regiment and the PPCLI Association;
- accounting for Regimental Funds;
- operation of the Regimental Kit Shop and Warehouse;
- operation of the Regimental Museum and Archives;
- editing and publishing all Regimental publications including:
 - the Association Newsletter;
 - The Patrician and;
 - the Regimental Manual.
- liaison between Regimental soldiers, veterans, units and Association branches;
- maintenance of all Regimental and Association files:
 - funerals;
 - visits;
 - protocol.
- and a variety of other tasks assigned by or on behalf of the Regimental Council.

Regimental Gratuities

The Regimental Gratuities plan was approved in 1997. The following will be provided to all Regimental members, serving and departing who have maintained their applicable rate of voluntary contributions since the commencement of the programme (01 January 1984) or since their enrolment, which ever is later:

- a. on joining the Regiment, regardless of entry plan, each new member will be provided with a free issue cap badge and a numbered Regimental Coin;
- b. during a career, members will receive an annual copy of *The Patrician*, and when promoted to Sergeant, a sash; and
- c. on honourable retirement, release or remuster, with:
 - i. nine years of service or less - a small, unframed Regimental Certificate of Service (**unit or regional ERE representatives to action**);
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 - iii. twenty or more years of service - an engraved 6.5" WWI Gianelli pewter statuette and a large framed Regimental Certificate of Service. (*individuals in this category are invited to a formal Regimental Retirement Dinner*)

Unit OPIs and ERE Regional Representatives are to immediately advise RHQ by e-mail, fax, or message of Patricians who are on release or remuster under the categories of sub-paragraphs (ii) and (iii) above. In order to prepare the applicable gratuities, RHQ needs the following particulars: name, rank, initials, decorations, enrolment date, approved release/retirement/remuster date, and forwarding address. The OPI shall provide a contact phone number to RHQ, and the proposed date of presentation of the gratuities if known. This is based on the member participating in the Voluntary Contribution Program.

The Regimental Museum and Archives

IN THE MUSEUM OF THE REGIMENTS, CALGARY, AB

The Regimental Museum and Archives experienced a change over in staff in 2003 with the departure of WO Dan Hitchcock to the Third Battalion. Museum and Archives staff welcomed WO Darcy Wanvig as Assistant Curator in August 2003 and Sgt Rick Walker in January 2004. Sgt Walker will be replacing Cpl Regan MacLeod as Archivist in the summer of 2004.

Thanks to a Public Access-Exhibitions Grant from Museums Alberta, the Princess Patricia Wedding Exhibit will be completed in February 2004. The temporary exhibit features the original wedding gown worn by Princess Patricia on her marriage to Commander the Honourable Alexander Ramsay, DSO, RN on the 27th of February 1919. Also incorporated into the exhibit is actual film footage of the Regiment in attendance at the wedding and some original artwork done by the Princess during her stay in Canada. The Lady Saltoun, daughter-in-law of Lady Patricia and donor of the wedding gown, will be visiting the Regimental Museum 17 August 2004. The Museum will be hosting an afternoon tea for Lady Saltoun, Chief of the Name Fraser and the Clan Fraser Society. All Frasers are encouraged to contact the Clan Fraser Society at gnfraser@telusplanet.net if they wish to attend.



Upgrades to the WWII and Airborne Exhibits are also under way. The 1st Can Para jumper was refitted with proper kit and a new photo-mural was installed in the Hercules which shows life-sized paratroopers exiting the aircraft. A manikin is also being prepared for the Hercules which will portray a Jump Master giving commands. Two manikins in the WWII, NW Europe diorama were fitted out as snipers and changes

to some of the display case artifacts are also in the works.

A display featuring Patricias in the Airborne Role was installed at Vimy Ridge Academy in Edmonton in August 2003 and includes photographs and artifacts relating to the 1st Can Para, FSSF, SAS and Airborne Regiment. Items for exhibit purposes were also loaned to 3PPCLI, LFWA HQ, the Museum of the Regiment's "Sicily / Italy" Exhibit, 17 Wing, Winnipeg, Mewburn Veteran's Centre, Edmonton and the Hamilton Military Museum.



The Museum and Archives received and catalogued approximately 1100 artifacts and archival items during 2003, for a total value of approximately \$37,000. The most notable acquisitions were the uniforms of Colonel WBS Sutherland, CD, the Second War medals, uniforms, kit and archival documents of Captain James Henry Horton and the uniforms, kit, airborne memorabilia and archival collection of WO BAJ Franklin. The Museum also purchased the Memorial Cross, Peacekeeping Medal, photographs and archival items of Pte DR Krieger, killed while on duty in Cyprus 17 August 1976.

The Curator attended a symposium in Ottawa in September 2003 concerning the preservation of electronic records. A preservation plan has now been worked out and seventeen, 16mm broadcast reels from the 30s, 50s and 60s were sent away for reformatting to Beta-Cam and VHS. This is an expensive process and will have to be phased over many years. The Archives contains many different types of electronic media including U-matic, Beta and 35mm film.

In closing, expansion plans for the entire Museum of the Regiments facility have been stalled due to lack of financial support from provincial and federal governments. Plans to renovate the basement area (lay concrete floor and install environmental con-

trols) and move artifact storage downstairs are still going ahead however. The PPCLI has been allotted approximately 2000 sq feet of storage space in the basement and the move should take place sometime next fall. Once the artifacts have been moved, the upstairs gymnasium will be converted into an art gallery. Expansion of the Library and Archives facility and the Naval Museum addition will be dependent of future fundraising.





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New Veterans Care Centre

Existing Mewburn Veterans Centre

The Mewburn Veterans Centre (MVC), operated by The CAPITAL CARE Group, is a 140-bed continuing care centre situated on the University of Alberta campus. The building was opened in 1966. Studies and experience have indicated that it is no longer cost effective to continue repairing and maintaining the existing building. The site and building are under lease from the Alberta Cancer Board. The lease agreement expires in 2008 and the Cancer Board has indicated it will not be renewed as the Board has need for the land.

Project update

The CAPITAL CARE Group submitted an offer to purchase land for the new Veterans Care Centre to Canada Lands Corporation in August. The land is located at 153 Avenue and Castle Downs Road (113A Street) on the former Griesbach military base. The deal will be finalized once all the offer conditions have been met, such as appropriate zoning for this use. A seniors' housing complex with about 210 suites will be built next to the new centre by a private developer partner. Rosedale was chosen by CAPITAL CARE through a competitive process to partner as the owner/operator of the seniors' housing complex. Spouses of veterans at the new centre (as well as other seniors) may choose to live in the seniors' complex. The centre is projected to cost \$22 million (including land costs) and will have space for 120 continuing care residents. Secure environments will be provided for residents with dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease. Another 40 spaces, for Designated Assisted Living (DAL), will be located in the adjacent seniors' housing. DAL spaces are for people who do not require as much care as is provided in continuing care centres. Construction of the centre is anticipated to be completed in 2005. Initially 140 of the total 160 spaces will be for veterans. As the veterans population declines, spaces will become available for others who require continuing care services. The developer for the project is PCL and the architect is Cohos Evamy Partners. These two companies were selected by the planning committee through a competitive process. A children's day care centre will be included in the new Veterans Care Centre, which will be a first for continuing care centres in Edmonton. Design development for the new Centre is underway. It will have 120 private rooms, divided into eight separate units ("houses") of 15 veterans. Each house will also have its own kitchen and dining room. The current facility only has 10 private rooms. A sign on the site was unveiled on Feb. 20, 2003. John McDougall has been selected for the campaign cabinet chair, and Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor Lois Hole, has agreed to serve as honorary chair.

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WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, JUNE 18-20, 2004
SECOND BATTALION'S FAREWELL TO WINNIPEG
SECOND BATTALION'S CHANGE OF COMMAND

Second Battalion, will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the formation of the Regiment, say "Farewell to Winnipeg" and perform a Change of Command in Winnipeg during the weekend of June 18-20, 2004.

Main events will be a Sunset Ceremony on Friday evening, Freedom of the City Ceremony at the City Hall Saturday morning, tentatively followed by a Dedication Ceremony at the Legislative Grounds, and a Change of Command Parade Saturday afternoon. Other planned events include a Battalion Social on Saturday evening and a Family Day and Barbecue on Sunday.

With the exception of the Freedom of the City Ceremony at City Hall and the Dedication at the Legislative Grounds, all events will take place in Kapyong Barracks, Grant Avenue at Kenaston Boulevard, in the general area of VP Square, the Drill Hall and the Parade Square.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Friday 18 Jun 04	1200	Opening of the Better 'Ole	Drill Hall
	1900-2300	Sunset Ceremony	The Forks
Saturday 19 Jun 04	1000-1200	Freedom of the City	City Hall
	1200	Post Parade Reception	Legislative Grounds
	Evening	Battalion Social	Kapyong Barracks
Sunday 20 Jun 04	1400	Change of Command	Parade Square
		Farewell to Kapyong Barracks	Kapyong Barracks

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First and Third Battalions will celebrate the 90th Anniversary during the week-end of 25 - 27 June 2004. Events will include a Sunset Ceremony by 3 PPCLI, a Freedom of the City parade by 1 PPCLI, and a Change of Command for 3 PPCLI. As well a Better 'Ole will be open through out along with a Meet & Greet and Dinner & Dance hosted by the Edmonton Branch of the Association. Registration Packages are available on the ppcli.com website or by contacting either of the following:

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Day	Time	Activity	Location
Friday 25 June 04	1200	Registration	Lecture Training
	1630 - 1800	Opening of the Better 'Ole Meet and Greet	Facility # 407 Lecture Training Facility # 407
Saturday 26 June 04	1800 - 2300	Sunset Ceremony	St Albert
	Morning	Freedom of the City	City Hall Edmonton
	1200 - 1600	Better 'Ole open	Lecture Training Facility # 407
	1300 - 1500	Annual General Meeting	Lecture Training Facility # 407
Sunday 27 June 04	1730 - 0100	Dinner and Dance	Lecture Training Facility # 407
	Morning	Church Parade	Hamilton Gault Memorial Park
	Morning	Change of Command 3 PPCLI	Garrison Edmonton Parade Square
	1100 - 1800	Better 'Ole open	Lecture Training Facility # 407

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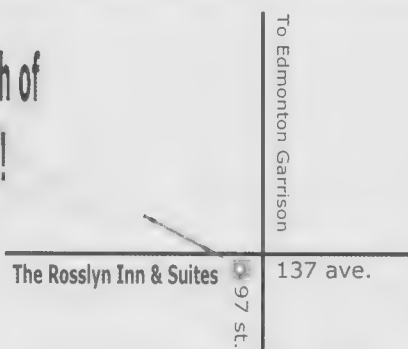
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1st Battalion

The First Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry began this year split between Edmonton and Bosnia. The bulk of the battalion was midway through their deployment on OP PALLADIUM Roto 11. An extremely successful tour, the unit moved the yardsticks forward in many areas including information operations, the transition to a MOST concept, rollover of CFSSU and the accurate accounting of all BG major equipment in theatre. A highlight of the tour was the visit of the Colonel-in-Chief to the battle group during the Regimental Day week. She visited all of the BG camps and presented SFOR and other medals to the soldiers. The Rear Party held the fort in Edmonton and A Company was warned off for a task in support of OP APOLLO. As A Company was sending its first platoon over to the Persian Gulf for OP APOLLO in March, the battalion began redeploying from Bosnia. The stand down of the 1 PPCLI BG occurred in April and, in May, the new battalion slate came into effect. After a short leadership team building exercise in Montana, the focus of the battalion shifted to the change of command.



The only time the RSM was seen standing up.

The change of command for 1 PPCLI took place on 20 June 03, with LCol Shandy Vida, CD replacing outgoing CO LCol Craig King, MBE, CD. The reviewing officer for the parade was Brigadier-General S.A. Beare, CD. Distinguished guests on hand for the parade were The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, CBE, CD, JP, DL, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment; The Honourable Dr. Lois E. Hole, CM, AOE, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta; General A.J.G.D. de Chastelain, OC, CMM, CD, CH, outgoing Colonel of the Regiment; and Major-General R.I. Stewart, CMM, CD, incoming Colonel of the Regiment.

While half of the battalion was on leave, the unit received an urgent task to send

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a company sized element to BC to assist with the fire fighting efforts. Despite not being the IRU and it being the August long weekend, the unit was able to deploy an advance party within 5 hours and the main body within 8 hours. Later in the month, the rest of the battalion also made the long trip to southern BC as the fire situation exploded out of the control of the BC Forest Service. The battalion ended up together in Barriere, BC, fighting a fire that had a perimeter of over 140 kms. The CO and RSM led the way with their polaskis and hoses, and on one occasion, LCol Vida actually had the opportunity to start a fire (controlled backburn). Many friendships were made with civilian fire crews and with the Barriere community. A highlight of our efforts in Barriere was when all soldiers of the First Battalion were made honorary "Cougars" by the local high school and received a very large Thank You card at a special ceremony.

After a safe redeployment, the battalion started a Primary Combat Function cycle, training new LAV gunners, drivers and recce patrolmen. During this period, LCol Vida dedicated the main conference room as the 'Sergeant H. Jerry Squires Room'. This dedication acknowledged the stalwart service Sgt Squires gave the Regiment until his death in August 1999 while serving overseas with the battalion. Mrs Patricia Squires attended the dedication, along with her daughters, Lynn and Laura. She was very touched by the ceremony, and thanked many of the battalion's senior NCOs for the friendship and support they have given her family.

The battalion closed out the year in standard fashion. A parade was held, including many promotions, medal presentations, and farewells. Following the parade, the battalion's NCMs sat down to a fine Soldiers' Christmas dinner, complete with all the fixings. Among the special guests for the dinner was Dr. Jack Cathie who took the opportunity to address the soldiers. Dinner ended with a magnificent show by the Drumline. The next day, the annual hockey games took place. The Ptes and Cpls easily beat the MCpls, and the Officers squeaked past the Sr NCOs in the second game.



"Two fingers, bah it's only a flesh wound, have at ye!"

A COMPANY RED DEVILS - FORGED IN FIRE

The year 2003 saw hot operations for A Company and the change of a number of key appointments. Major Pat Quealey assumed command of the Red Devils in May and was joined by MWO Pete Leger as CSM in June. The 2IC, two new platoon commanders, and the CQMS also handed over this year along with a number of new Sr NCOs and two new influxes of BIQ qualified troops.

While most of the Battalion was deployed to Bosnia for ROTO 11, A Company started off by guarding the fort in Edmonton. In February, however, the Company was warned off for a mission to support Operation APOLLO. The mission involved the deployment of two two-month rotations of platoon-sized elements to the Persian Gulf to secure Camp MIRAGE.

A composite platoon, with a section from each rifle platoon, began training in Edmonton and WATC immediately. The training included grenade, C6, pairs and section dry and live fire at both day and night. The night ranges were conducted solely with the use of night vision goggles and laser pointers as visual aids. This was the first time that any of the soldiers of the Company had done intense night training like this and the results were impressive.

The platoon departed Canada on 19 March for their two-month tour at Camp Mirage. Once complete on the ground, they assumed full camp security duties from the in-place forces. The camp was occupied by Canadian, Dutch, Australian and American contingents that added to the complexity of its defence. Along with camp security tasks we supplied troops to work with the MPs to do seaport security for up to 14 days at a time. The platoon came under operational command of the MP company that was assigned to the camp. The first platoon's tour was hallmarked by the invasion of Iraq that resulted in heightened alert states and security measures.

After handing over on May 3rd, a second platoon from A Company carried out their duties without incident. The major change in this rotation was the addition of tasks outside of the camp. The platoon provided four soldiers to Afghanistan to work as close



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protection for the Canadian liaison officers in Kabul and Bagram. The four soldiers, led by Cpl Mackenzie, stayed in Afghanistan until the platoon re-deployed back to Canada. Other activities that the platoon participated in were day and night rangework, and supporting an eight hour Aurora patrol flight. Cpl Sample was made an honorary member of the Aurora team for his discovery of an Iranian submarine that was missed by the flight crew. The platoon took part in a 5 km race held by the Americans, with the temperature on this day reaching 62 degrees Celsius. The soldiers adapted to their environment extremely well, and developed skills to live in a desert environment. The average water intake was 18 bottles of water in the day, and some were drinking up to 22.

The soldiers experienced a lot and saw many different cultural aspects of living in a Muslim country and in a unique environment. Overall, the tour was nothing like any of us had experienced before, and it definitely opened our eyes to the workings of an NSU (national support unit), and all the work that goes into supporting several missions at once. We returned to Canada after the Canada Day weekend, and prepared for summer leave.



The First Battalion Change of Command Parade

After summer leave, A Company was launched into another hot operation, the forest fires in British Columbia. This mission was the first opportunity for the Red Devils to deploy on operations as a complete team. After a crash course in fire fighting we deployed to the fire in Barrière B.C. The daily excursion to the fire line was a hazardous one with a lot of loose dirt and fallen ash enroute. The fires ranged from barely existent to full blown candling on a daily basis, a fact that kept all alert and on guard throughout the operation. After a week and a half of work in Barrière, we were tasked to attack the tail end of the Kelowna fire. In this large center we had the chance to enjoy the generosity of the population and experience first hand their appreciation. We even caught a football game before redeployment. After a little leave, we began the PCF Cycle to

bring our individual qualifications back up to speed in preparation for future operations.

Thus ended a year forged in fire for Alpha Company; from the desert sands of the Persian Gulf to the wildfires of B.C. the Red Devils were right at home in the heat. RED DEVILS RULE THE GROUND!

B COMPANY BULLDOGS BITE BACK

5 May 2003 marked the stand-up of the Bulldogs after two years of being zero-manned due to soldier and junior leader shortages. To describe the company as under strength would have been an understatement. At only sixty troops, B Coy more resembled a platoon on PT than a mechanized infantry company. The first order of business was to slowly rebuild the sections and platoons from the ground up. File reviews, interviews, maintenance, change of command festivities, MLOC training, and summer leave encompassed the first four months of the fiscal year. A company patrol school and a deployment to LFWA TC on Exercise BULLDOG RAIDER marked the return from leave. During this challenging patrol exercise, platoons and patrol detachments were confronted with demanding missions and an aggressive enemy force (care of AAP). The exercise culminated in a 12km escape and evasion phase, with team soldiers attempting to penetrate an enemy screen back to the admin area.



Now the question is were they smiling at the end?

After a brief two-day rest, B Company was bugged out on a Saturday afternoon for Operation PEREGRINE. With fires burning out of control throughout British Columbia, the company arrived in Merritt, BC to conduct fire-fighting training. Within three days of the initial call, the company deployed alongside other civilian firefighters in the McClure/Barriere region. Long days consisted of building fireguards, protecting structures, and mopping up hot spots. After nearly two weeks, the company was relieved by 1 RCHA and returned to Edmonton for six days leave. Unfortunately,

before the MLVW engines could cool, B Coy was ordered back to BC, this time to the Kelowna region. Arriving at the height of the fire, the Bulldogs had the opportunity to conduct aggressive structural firefighting when over 250 homes burned during the Kelowna firestorm of 21 August 2003. The remaining three weeks of deployment encompassed routine tasks of mop-up and fireguard construction. Ultimately, B Coy redeployed on 12 September 2003, chalking up more fire fighting experience and time-in theatre than any other sub-unit deployed on the operation.

The final few months of the year saw the company decisively engaged in a PCF cycle. With the manning of the company growing by the week, troops attended LAV Driver, LAV Gunner, Platoon Support Weapons Qualification, Basic Recce, and other career related courses. Those not involved in the PCF cycle were able to attend



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Exercise DEVIL'S CHALLENGE, a weeklong adventure training activity on Vancouver Island. Consisting of sea kayaking, hiking, mountain biking, and sea surfing, the exercise offered a break from regular garrison routine. The year ended with the regular Christmas activities and the troops departing on a well-deserved Christmas leave.

C COMPANY BACK IN BEAR COUNTRY

Situation no change! 2003 proved to be another busy year for Charlie Company. January found C Company almost half way through their deployment to Bosnia on Op PALLADIUM ROTO 11. The tour went well, if somewhat mundane, and the company was happy to redeploy to Canada in April.

After happy reunions with friends and family and some well-earned leave, Charlie returned to work and was back at it again. With the Battalion change of command parade, Charlie Company ushered in a new OC, Major Tod Strickland replacing the outgoing OC, Major Steve Carr.

Our first order of business was Ex KODIAK CHALLENGE, a basic mountain operations exercise which saw C Company and 2 Platoon, A Company deploy to the Bighorn Mountains, southwest of Nordegg, Alberta from 06-11 July. The training involved a half-day hike through the mountain trails of Allstone Lake, lessons in basic survival skills, and a scramble up Windy Point Mountain. Also included was a challenging mountain bike ride through the trails of Kootenay Plains, Siffleur Falls and the Glacier Trail. Training concluded with the crossing of a one-rope bridge over a 100 ft gorge followed by a rappel to the bank of the Cline River. In the end, every soldier came away from this adventure with newfound respect for the mountains and a fondness for the wilderness.

Our next task was Ex SPARTAN VENTURE; an overnight dismounted patrolling exercise in the wilds of the Redwater Sandhills Nature Preserve. Focusing on individual soldier skills, the Company performed a variety of activities which included navigation orienteering and stalking while leaving our LAVs parked in Garrison. With the swampy terrain against us, the exercise was a resounding success and an invaluable training opportunity for the entire company.



While the cat's away...



During the last weeks of July, summer leave was upon us with all ranks looking forward to some much deserved rest. Like the rest of the Battalion, Charlie Company deployed to the fight the fires and aid the residents of BC. As members of Task Force 1 staging out of the Barriere/McClure area, all soldiers did stellar work extinguishing hot spots and aiding the local population wherever they were required.

The month of October started out with Eight and Nine Platoons gaining Platoon Commanders, Second Lieutenants Jonathon Snyder and Geoff Robinson respectively. With little time for hellos, the bulk of the Company was involved in the PCF cycle.

The courses went well and many new soldiers of the Battalion gained their first PCF qualification. Some of the Charlie Company soldiers who were not course loaded were able to participate in Ex DEVIL'S CHALLENGE, a week long period of adventurous training in Comox, BC and the surrounding area. Held in October, the lucky participants enjoyed sea kayaking, mountain biking and a day of surfing at Tofino. Who needs to live in California?

December ushered in the close of PCF courses and the rapid approach of Christmas block leave. All told, 2003 proved to be an exciting and challenging year for Charlie Company. 2004 will assuredly turn out to be another rewarding year in Bear Country!



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**COMBAT SUPPORT COMPANY
FORMED FOR THE FUTURE**

Combat Support Company began the year split between Edmonton and Bosnia. After the return of the Battalion from Operation PALLADUM Roto 11, the Company reformed under the command of Major A.J. Lutes, with MWO Brian Semenko as the Company Sergeant-Major.

For Operation PEREGRINE, the Company again split up, to support each rifle company with additional soldiers. From 22 - 26 September, Anti-Armour Platoon deployed to Wainwright for a TOW concentration with M113 TUAs and dismounted TOW systems from 3 PPCLI. The platoon participated in a basic range from a static point at 3200 meters and in an advanced range; in which both dismounted and mounted sections cooperated in a defensive scenario.

During the fall, Recce Platoon ran a very successful Basic Recce Patrolman course from 6 October to 4 December. The course trained 24 candidates on the basics of navigation, tactical movement, NBC activities, watermanship, and patrolling techniques. The course finished with a FTX at CFB Detachment Dundurn in temperatures ranging from -10 to -30.

The sniper section participated in two international competitions this year. Three 2 man teams competed in the Canadian International Sniper Competition against an multinational contingent in Gagetown NB achieving 3rd, 20th, and 21st place finishes. In November a sniper team competed in the 4th Annual US Army Sniper Competition at Fort Benning Georgia, achieving a respectable 14th place finish.

Select members of the Battalion MP section deployed to Ottawa from 22 September to 04 Oct 03 to provide security for Op OMEGA, Conference of the American Armies. Delegates from Canada, US, and Latin America were present to discuss various military issues. Duties included site and delegate security from within the premises, and



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escorting delegates on various cultural excursions to Kingston and Montreal.

Signals Platoon spent January to March 03 deployed on Op PALLADIUM providing command and control support to the 1 PPCLI BG. During June and July 03, preparations were conducted to support Ex ACTIVE EDGE. However, months of preparation proved unnecessary as the exercise was cancelled and Signals Platoon deployed with the Battalion on Operation PEREGRINE to support BC forest fire fighting efforts. On return from BC, Signals Platoon conducted an ATCIS Basic Communicator's Course for the Battalion while supporting a number of unit tactical computer assisted exercises (CAXs).

ADMINISTRATION COMPANY

Administration Company (Admin Coy) began the year deployed to Bosnia with the 1 PPCLI Battle Group (BG) as part of Roto 11. The majority of the company were located in Camp Maple Leaf Zgon with a few personnel dispersed among the outlying camps. Admin Coy included Maintenance (Maint) Platoon, Quartermaster (QM) Stores, Transport (Tn) Platoon, the BOR, Company Quartermaster Stores (CQMS), Call Sign 8 (C/S 8) proper and, under an OPCON relationship, the HCA Platoon (UMS). In addition to the normal Admin Coy responsibilities, the company also provided the camp staff to supervise and coordinate the operation of Camp Maple Leaf itself. Early in this new year, MWO Ed Haines left Bosnia and his position as CSM Admin Coy to assume the duties of QMSI of the First Battalion. MWO Haines was replaced by MWO Ken Zack who completed the tour with the company and was instrumental in organizing the Medals Parade. Upon return to Canada, stand down of the BG and some leave, command of the company was passed from Maj Cliff Reeves to Maj Don Furuness. Immediately Admin Coy was engaged in the handover of DAs from Rear Party back to the respective DA holders and concurrently the Board of Inquiry for the Change of Command. Admin Coy continued to provide first rate integral support to all the battalion's activities throughout the remainder of the year including exercises, PCF deployments, Soldiers' Christmas dinner and the everyday garrison activities.

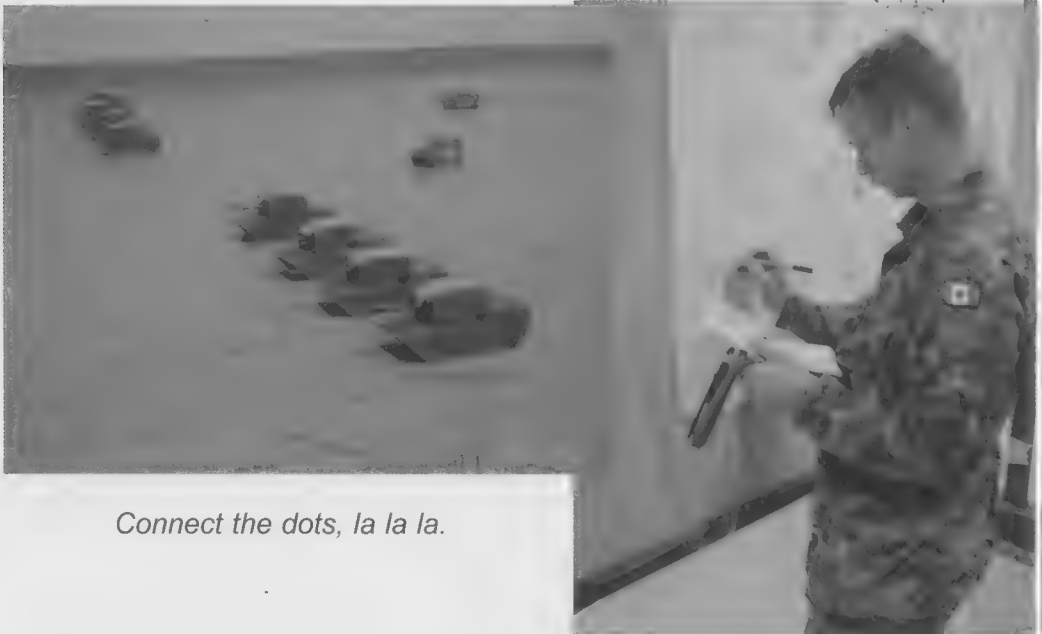
Maintenance Platoon for Op PALLADIUM Roto 11 was based on 1 PPCLI Maint PI with augmentation from the LDSH, 1CER, and various units from all over Canada. Their collective efforts achieved a remarkable accomplishment of maintaining a very low VOR state, averaging 3%, and implementing an inspection schedule to eliminate the backlog during the changing of rotations. Upon return to Canada Maint PI was faced with a huge task of getting the battalion's vehicles out of short term preservation, catching up on inspections and meeting the operational and training requirements of the unit. They achieved excellent results ensuring that no training or operation had to be canceled or postponed due to equipment serviceability.

During Op PALLADIUM the QM Platoon achieved excellent results in executing the CFSSU rollover and tracking down all major equipment and ammunition. Op PALLADIUM Roto 10 had seen camps close, a new fleet of vehicles arrive in theatre, a fleet of vehicles leave theatre and a change in the TO&E. This resulted in significant logistical accounting problems upon beginning the tour. It took the duration of the tour but by the time 1 PPCLI executed its Transfer of Command Authority to 2 PPCLI all equipment was properly accounted for with only minimal discrepancies. The cooks effectively integrated themselves with the contractors to ensure the BG received the best possible rations and service. The Rear Party QM staff were equally as busy supporting rear party tasks, A Company training and the deployment of platoons to the

Persian Gulf on short notice. The pace of activities did not slow down throughout the remainder of the year with 100% stocktakings, boards of inquiry and support to numerous operations and training events.

Transport Platoon logged over 100,000kms in Bosnia during a winter tour and only sustained 3 accidents. A significant achievement given the road conditions and the driving habits of the local population. The platoon was instrumental in the successful redeployment of the BG from Bosnia. The return from Bosnia saw Capt Mossop and WO Kenny move on to other employment and a new leadership team of Lt Watson and WO Wiebe take command of the platoon. The platoon has been very busy supporting all of the battalion's operations and training events including running a Driver Wheel Course.

Overall, it was an exceptionally busy year for Admin Coy with significant leadership changes. All elements of the company were affected by cross postings, postings, career courses and releases. Regardless, Admin Coy provided first rate integral support to the battalion throughout the year.



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1 CMBG FUND RAISING - CPL DYER BENCH PROJECT

On a very cool late summer day, the Commander of 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG) along with representatives from 5 units of the Brigade found themselves along the North Saskatchewan River. They were at the site of the Corporal Ainsworth Dyer Memorial Bench Project to present to Miss Jocelyn Van Sloten and her parents, Aart and Jana Van Sloten, a cheque for the money that was donated by soldiers of 1 CMBG. Soldiers from 1 CMBG, specifically from 1 Field Ambulance, 1 PPCLI, 2 PPCLI, 3 PPCLI and 1 CMBG Headquarters and Signals Squadron raised \$ 6362.37. The fund raising, initiated by the Brigade Public Affairs Officer, Lieutenant (Navy) Petra Smith, was done over the summer. Volunteer donations by soldiers of 1 CMBG will help fund the project that was initiated by the Van Sloten family in memory of Cpl Dyer. The Commander of 1 CMBG, Colonel Tim Grant, flanked by representatives of all units that donated to the project presented the family with the cheque, with the Commander stating "Soldiers of 1 CMBG felt that this was an excellent project and that the family should not have to bear the cost themselves". The family, surprised by donation, thanked the Commander and said "thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of the volunteers, the hard work and the terrific support all around by the soldiers of the Brigade".



The project, initiated by the Van Sloten family, was undertaken so there would be a lasting memorial in the City of Edmonton to remember Ainsworth by. The site, located at the west end of Rundle Park at the mouth of the North end of the footbridge that spans the North Saskatchewan River providing a link to Goldbar Park, was selected for four reasons: Ainsworth proposed to Jocelyn on the bridge; they spent much time there in the area together; Cpl Dyer trained for the Mountain Man competition in the area; and, there would be a lasting memorial at a heavily used public place. The Bench area, a joint-project by the family, 1 CMBG and the City of Edmonton began during a conversation with the Mayor of Edmonton, Mr Bill Smith and the Van Sloten family at the Memorial service at the Sky Reach Centre on 28 April 2002. Work at the

site began in late May 2003 with the City removing the existing site followed by construction of the new site by 1 Combat Engineer Regiment, 15 Support Squadron, Construction Troop, soldiers from 3 PPCLI, City Engineers and Planners and of course the Van Sloten family. Many local businesses donated materials or equipment or contributed at or below cost. Canadian National donated 14 tonnes of granite boulders, Lafarge donated the cement, Nelson Lumber provided materials and contractors and Sunstar Nurseries donated the shrubs. After multiple meetings and much deliberation, the City Council gave the go ahead and the bridge was named the Ainsworth Dyer Bridge. With go ahead approval, a plaque has been procured by the family as well as the arrangements for the signs of the Bridge. Unveiling and dedication of the site is planned for Spring of 2004.



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2nd Battalion

2003 was yet another memorable and productive year for 2PPCLI. The year started with the unit dominating Ex STRONG CONTENDER, followed by a rapid transition into final work-ups for Op PALLADIUM. In April, the bulk of the Battalion deployed to Bosnia for Roto 12, leaving behind a Rear Party that found itself rather busy for the next six months. Returning to Canada in the fall, the troops enjoyed some well-deserved leave, followed by an intense period of information passage and collection in preparation for the move to Shilo in the summer of 2004.

Ex STRONG CONTENDER 03

STRONG CONTENDER 2003 will go down in the record books as one of the most successful for the unit with 2PPCLI teams dominating the competition throughout. The first team to medal was the floor hockey team, which after a hard fought battle won the bronze. Next came the broomball team, who lost a close, well-played game in the finals coming away with the silver. Not to be outdone, and clearly looking to raise the bar, the volleyball team cut a swathe through all of the competition emerging with 2VP's first gold. With gathering momentum the indoor soccer team displayed superior fitness, talent and discipline, easily taking the gold. The last event of the tournament was ice hockey, considered by all to be the Crown Jewel of STRONG CONTENDER. Proving that grit and determination, coupled with just a bit of talent, could win the day, the 2VP team rose to the challenge and took the last gold medal up for grabs. Needless to say, with a string of such impressive results, the Second Battalion captured the coveted Major Unit Aggregate trophy to boot.



Cool shades...

Op PALLADIUM Roto 12

With little time to bask in the glory of STRONG CONTENDER, the unit immediately shifted focus to preparation for the deployment to Bosnia. Validation training, in the form of Ex PALLADIUM RESPONSE, took place in and around the Shilo training area with the citizens of Carberry, Douglas and Glenborough being treated to hundreds of soldiers conducting patrols, responding to exercise medical emergencies and conducting cordon & search operations. The locals were very receptive to the soldiers of the BG, always ready with a friendly wave and smile. While it never got to the point of fathers locking up their daughters, it was hard to escape the effect of the 2VP charm. The exercise was an important step towards integrating the wide range of augmentees into the 2VP way of doing business. That said, the tempo often dictated exchanges along the lines of "Hi, what's your trade....that's great....now get to work." Sigs Pl, with its establishment shifting from 20 to 56 all ranks, saw the exercise as a critical opportunity to develop cohesion. For many of augmentees it was their first experience working in an infantry unit; the shock of being told they were going to be doing PT in minus 39 degree conditions was palpable.



The difference between men and boys is the weight of their toys!

Following pre-deployment leave, the Battalion departed for Bosnia and once there, scattered to the four corners of the immense 2VP BG area of operations. Alpha Coy deployed into two camps with company HQ and two platoons located in Drvar and the third platoon South in the town of Glamoc. Delta Coy was located in the town of Bihac and with Admin and Cbt Sp Coys working out of Zgon.

While many had anticipated a quiet, mundane tour, the reality was far from this



Eat your heart out, Smokie the Bear!

Companies were kept busy with a never-ending stream of operations, from simple Op HARVESTs, to laying the smack down on criminal elements in the Bihac area and providing much needed support to local police. The tour also presented the opportunity for exchanges. Alpha Coy had the opportunity to work with units from MNB SW when they surged into the Mostar area to conduct operations along the Bosnia-Montenegro border. There was also the opportunity to work with the Dutch BG who, by the way, do sound exactly like "Goldmember".

When not doing operations, soldiers were kept busy on PLQ and driver wheel courses. There were also excellent training opportunities. Cbt Sp Coy ran an outstanding Close Quarter Battle range for C7, rifle and shotgun. In addition to running ranges in support of rules of engagement training, Alpha Coy also conducted a variety of night live-fire exercises. These culminated in a night live-fire section attack supported by LAV III.

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There were a variety of other activities and competitions that kept the soldiers of 2VP fit and busy. The Vimy Ridge Runners' version of relaxation involved brisk rucksack runs. There were several Strong Man Competitions and for those with the desire to punish their bodies, there was the Drvar Mountain Man Challenge. The latter entailed an 18 km run from Camp Drvar to Gos Peak Range at which point one went the rucksack for the last 14 km up to the Gos Peak RRB, an elevation rise of over 4000m. Not to be outdone by the PT fanatics, those who enjoyed more relaxing forms of entertainment were equally well served by the variety of home-grown musical talent resident within the camps. SFORNICATION, based in Zgon, was perhaps the best known and most enjoyed....even if meant listening to the only five songs they knew over and over.

The most important part of the tour was undoubtedly the humanitarian assistance that the 2VP BG provided the population of Bosnia. The Padres' fund raised over \$9800.00 with the monies being dedicated to playground construction and the support of needy families. The Psy Ops team and CIMIC also worked their magic to help local communities, "acquiring" anything that was not nailed down to hand out as prizes. The population will never be the same now that the two SFOR DJs of Mr White and Bourque on the Block are not blessing their airwaves.



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Rear Party

Nothing is ever really easy in the military. Anytime you think something is going to be a swan, give your head a shake and think again. Charlie Coy and the rest of Rear Party soon found that the requirement to fill a myriad of tasks was a never-ending nightmare. It was not long before just about every soldier with a driver qualification or who so much as breathed leadership potential found themselves tasked to wonderful locales like Wainwright and Gagetown. Privates and Corporals soon found themselves in leadership roles acting as section commanders and even platoon 2ICs.

Following summer leave, Rear Party was looking forward to getting back to training with a PCF cycle. It was not to be as the fires in central BC raged out of control. From late August to mid-September, Rear Party provided a reinforced company, based on Charlie Coy, to fire-fighting duties. Having arrived in BC, the troops were quickly shuttled to the Vernon Cadet Camp, given one day of fire suppression training, designated as Task Force 3, kitted out and placed on the fire line. For the duration, the company operated in the area of Chase BC, fighting the McGillvary Lake fire. After three weeks of hard, unforgiving work, the fire was declared contained and the troops were sent home, with the heartfelt thanks and gratitude of the citizens of Chase to see them off.

Advance Party and the Move to Shilo

As everyone is well aware, the Second Battalion will move to CFB Shilo in 2004, an outstanding training area with a pretty darned good golf course to boot. The unit's Advance Party in Shilo found 2003 to be a busy year. Activity commenced in early January when OC and CSM Advance Party, ably assisted by MCpl Carlos, presented a detailed requirements briefing to the four competing contractors. Two months



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later the winning submission was identified, and work cued up for the spring. The facility is scheduled to be complete and handed over to DND 10 August 2004.

The new Kapyong Barracks in Shilo will be impressive, consisting of three purpose-built structures. The centrepiece is the main building, which will house most of the Battalion offices and sub-unit lines. An adjunct to the main building, but not owned by the Battalion will be the Base multi-purpose training facility, replete with classroom, drill floor and small arms trainers. Connected to the main building via an enclosed breezeway is the LAV and simulation shelter. The final building is the maintenance & transport building. Of note, the buildings will be the first of their kind designed to accommodate the LAV III. As 2003 ended, the buildings are on schedule to meet the completion date of 10 August 2004.

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In Memoriam

Although 2003 was a year of incredible success for the Second Battalion, it was also marked by loss. While taking leave from Op PALLADIUM in Split, Croatia, Cpl Jamie Vermeulen lost his life in a tragic accident. Cpl Vermeulen joined the Canadian Forces August 2, 1986 and spent the majority of his career with the Second Battalion. A dedicated soldier and a trusted friend, all who knew him admired his great sense of humour, his enthusiasm, and his willingness to help others. Cpl Vermeulen was the type of soldier who worked a 25-hour day always brandishing a smile and positive outlook. Throughout his career, he worked extremely hard and was a very caring and professional soldier in everything he was involved with both in uniform and out. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by all who served with him. He served his country and Regiment with honour and pride.

It is with pride and respect that the Second Battalion dedicates this year's submission to Cpl James Vermeulen.





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3rd Battalion

The Third Battalion in 2003 entered the Reconstitution Phase of the Army Training and Operation Framework (ATOF). In addition to the requirement of teaching numerous courses to bring the unit back to fighting strength, this posed an excellent opportunity for sub-units to pursue dynamic national and international training events. Highlighting the training calendar were three Company deployments to Ft Benning, Exercise SEAHAWK: a Company port security/harbour defence exercise in Washington State, a Platoon deployment to Armenia as part of Exercise CO-OPERATIVE BEST EFFORT and the deployment of a Coy (+) as part of Op PEREGRINE. To cap the year off, the 3 PPCLI Op APOLLO Battle Group was re-united in December, parading in excess of 500 all ranks, for the presentation of the Commander-in-Chief Unit Commendation to the Battalion for the Battle Group's accomplishments during Operation APOLLO in 2002.

A Company

2003 proved to be a busy year for A Company. The Reconstitution Phase of ATOF proved no less hectic a schedule for the Company.

The year commenced with a winter adventure training exercise near Fortress Mountain, Alberta. Soldiers of A Company traversed up and down the mountains on backcountry skis fitted with skins for travelling upward while carrying heavy packs. They received instruction in basic avalanche awareness and survival and participated in mock avalanche rescue scenarios while building and living out of improvised snow shelters. The training was both fun and challenging.

Following this, the Company travelled to the mountains near Hinton, Alberta to conduct some challenging navigation training in mountainous terrain. Ex SAPPER STRIKE soon followed which tested the fortitude, character and soldier skills of the company. Faced with temperatures hovering at the -40 mark, the Company conducted an airborne raid on 11 Mar in Wainwright. In spite of the harsh weather, the raid was a success with many lessons learned at all levels.

In the spring, A Company conducted Ex PEGASUS CONDOR, a series of heli-inserted recce patrols against objectives near Coolidge, Alberta. The exercise, conducted over three days, proved to be an excellent refresher for the company in airmobile TTPs, as well as a good test for the junior leadership within the company.

A Company had the honour of celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the Canadian Airborne Regiment in June when paratroopers from the Airborne gathered in Edmonton. Jumping from 2 CH-146 Griffons, Company members parachuted onto DZ Buxton in front of family and friends and former members of the Canadian Airborne Regiment. A Company culminated celebrations with a climb of Mount Ex Coelis near Stiffler Falls, Alberta in honour of those from 1 Can Para killed during the Second World War. The Anniversary celebrations were both a chance to see old friends from the airborne community as well as pay tribute to those paratroopers who paid the ultimate price.

The summer brought sweeping changes to the leadership within A Company. The OC - Maj Hackett, 2IC - Capt Jasper CSM - MWO Whitehall, and CQMS - WO Bolen, all moved on to other positions within the Battalion. Their successors were Maj Errington, posted in from HQ 1 CMBG, Capt McLoughlin from CTC Gagetown, MWO Brunelle from 1 PPCLI, and WO Dearing from B Company 3 PPCLI. The change in leadership did not slow the hectic pace of A Company. The Company conducted Ex QUICK STRIKE, a Company level airborne raid in Wainwright, in August. The exercise was soon followed by Ex BULLDOG STING, a month long deployment to Fort Benning Georgia, to support the Coalition Combat Identification (CCID) trials sponsored by Defence Research and Development Canada. The deployment allowed A Company to practice FIBUA in excellent facilities, patrolling in 'moist' terrain, enhance firing skills on challenging ranges and participate in a joint parachute drop/wings exchange with our American allies. An outstanding exercise, the training was invaluable with much learned by all who participated.

The fall saw A Company take the lead and conduct the first Infantry Platoon Support Weapons Course during the Oct-Dec PCF Cycle. An excellent four-day mini-TAT in November allowed soldiers as many as five jumps from a CC-130. Further, several members of the company represented 3 PPCLI in the annual Menton Days celebrations in Fort Lewis, Washington. The festivities, a celebration of the shared lineage of the joint Canadian-American First Special Service Force, allowed soldiers of A Company the opportunity to parachute, train, and have some fun with our comrades south of the Border.

In the last months of 2003, the Company grew from two platoons to three for the first time since OP APOLLO thanks to two serials of BIQ graduates from Wainwright. Presently, A Company is near full strength with just about every soldier now qualified as a paratrooper following Basic Para courses during the fall. As 3 PPCLI stands ready to move into the training and then operational phases of ATOF A Company is an exciting place to be. Topped up with new, young paratroopers A Company is anxious to take on another busy year with hard, aggressive training to ready themselves for the next operation, whenever and wherever it will be. Airborne!



Which way did he go?



*Hey I can
see my house
from here!*



B Company

As B Company returned from Christmas leave, we were all looking forward to a February deployment to Ft Campbell Kentucky to exercise with the 101st Airborne Division. As events transpired, the Screaming Eagles went to war and B Company went to Wainwright...In sunny Wainwright, we spent a week conducting progressive training on conventional ranges for all company weapons followed by live-fire ranges at the pairs, group, and section level.

A few weeks later, B Company was tasked to support Ex FROZEN GANDER, a 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron event. We conducted valuable airmobile training including section-level recce patrols, platoon-level fighting patrols, and a company raid. 408 Squadron hosted a barbeque at the end of the exercise where a rum ration was issued and a couple of unnamed Sr NCOs selflessly took it upon themselves to explain to their Tac Hel brethren why women prefer "real men". Following the party, the

Company remained in Wainwright for an extra week to complete a complex platoon live-fire trace down at Crude Hill. The "objective" was built to include a series of bunkers protected by a wire obstacle. 4 PI completed the trace first, as six tubes of 81mm mortar from C Battery 1 RCHA, and two .50 HMGs fired them in. By the time 5 PI finished their trace, it was dark and the temperature had plunged to -39 degrees. B Company finished off the exercise with the mandatory night out in downtown Wainwright.

The remaining months of spring passed quickly as the majority of the Company's officers and NCOs were sent to WATC to teach BIQ courses. The quiet summer would be disrupted by the call-out to fight the BC forest fires. Early in the morning of 16 Aug 2003, B Company awoke to a phone call that led to its deployment on Op PEREGRINE a mere 18 hours later. After a quick stopover in Vernon, B Company was quickly put to work in the Barriere and Kelowna regions. By mid-September the fires were contained and B Company returned to Edmonton just in time to deploy to Canmore where they were tasked with conducting a Basic Mountain Operations (BMO) course for 1 CMBG. MOIs and support staff from B Company deployed on 16 September and ran two serials of the BMO course, qualifying 105 troops. During the second serial, the Outdoor Life Network (OLN) filmed the training for a future episode. Our own Lt Mundy was the subject of an interview with OLN where he kept his best side to the camera hoping for future calls from Hollywood...He's still waiting. Once back from the mountains, B Company joined in the unit's PCF course cycle. It was not long before fall had slipped away and by mid-December the Company was once again on Christmas leave after a very rewarding year.



*It's a tough commute but
you can't beat the view.*



C Company

Charlie Company was stood up immediately following Operation APOLLO redeployment leave. As a result, over 60% of the Coy was fresh from battle school. The Company Commander's goal was to actively pursue unique and aggressive training events in Canada and abroad in order to develop long range patrolling capability and fighting spirit.

Charlie Company took an active interest with parachuting as a method of delivery, getting over 40 soldiers their basic qualification. These skills were put to good use as the Company jumped during Canada Day celebrations in St Albert, a Santa Claus Jump in Cold Lake and several jumps with the 75th Ranger Regiment in Fort Benning, GA. This included a wings exchange between German, Canadian and U.S forces.

Charlie Company also become actively involved with Defence Research and Design Canada's (DRDC) Fort Benning Experimentation Series. This led to two, month-long Company deployments to Fort Benning to conduct scientific trials. Concurrently, the Company was able to complete some SPIES and FRIES training along with some much needed R&R in Panama City Beach during spring break.

The highlight of the year was Ex SEAHAWK. This was a joint, combined harbour security/coastal defence exercise comprising of US Navy, Army, Coast Guard and CA Navy and Army held at Indian Island, WA. During this two-week long deployment Charlie Company acted as an enemy force patrolling, infiltrating and harassing "friendly" units protecting harbours and ports. This included extensive use of RHIB boats for high speed insertions and extractions.

Charlie Coy was also involved in various other low-level activities. This included a week long adventure training package in Victoria where the Company conducted climbing and sea kayaking and a three day ski-school package. To round out the year helicopter rappelling, high speed amphibious extractions with HMCS Nonsuch and a three day navigation package at Elk Island were completed. The Company also had the opportunity to send section size elements to the Calgary Stampede, St Albert's Canada Day Festivities and the Race the Rockies adventure race.



Are you sure there is no more room in the chopper?

Combat Support Company

Over the past year, 3 PPCLI Combat Support Company faced many challenging tasks while also filling numerous out-of-unit taskings. Much of the company deployed to Armenia in May 2003 for a Partnership for Peace Exercise COOPERATIVE BEST EFFORT, where they learned to operate with soldiers of many different NATO and Eastern-European nations. In August, after summer leave, many members deployed with Bravo Company as part of the Immediate Reaction Unit, fighting fires as part of Operation PEREGRINE. Initially, 12 days were spent fighting fires in Barriere, followed

by a short R&R in Vernon and then more firefighting in Kelowna, BC, before returning in late September.

Signal Platoon focused on basic skills during 2003, ensuring a foundation for future development. In early February, the platoon conducted TCCCS Radio refresher training for 200 Bn personnel. Immediately afterwards, a Light Over-Snow Vehicle course was conducted for the platoon in order to expand the winter deployment capability of the members. This training was validated with a one-week winter adventure training exercise, spent snowmobiling and learning winter field skills in Whitecourt, Alberta. The spring also proved to be a busy time with many pl members augmenting 1 CMBG Headquarters and Signal Squadron during the 2 CMBG Brigade Training Event in Wainwright. Immediately upon return from firefighting, the platoon began instructing the pilot serial of the Army Tactical Communications and Information Systems Operator (Basic) course as part of the 3 PPCLI Primary Combat Function Cycle. In addition to the larger tasks, the platoon provided close Information Systems support and Technician services to the Battalion as well as support to Ex STRONG CONTENDER 03, the Commander-in-Chief Parade and the Regimental Leadership Symposium.

Reconnaissance Platoon spent much of 2003 providing support to both 3 PPCLI sub-units and other units within 1 CMBG. In February, members deployed as enemy force to assist 1 Combat Engineering Regiment with an exercise in Wainwright. Throughout the year, the platoon conducted several jumps with A Company to maintain skills and provide close recce support. During the summer, several soldiers from the platoon participated in the Basic Sniper Course in Wainwright as students, while senior NCOs acted as course staff. Other members were sent on Avalanche Awareness, Basic Parachute, Military Freefall Parachute and US Army Sniper courses. In early August, members deployed to Rhode Island with a 3 PPCLI team for the annual LEAPFEST competition. The competition tested the soldier's ability to land on a precise target, using a static-line steerable parachute. In the fall, the primary focus of the platoon was the Basic Reconnaissance Patrolman course held as part of the 3 PPCLI annual Primary Combat Function cycle. As well in the fall, the platoon sent members to the Annual Sniper Concentration at CTC Gagetown and the International Sniper Competition in Ft Benning, where many lessons were both learned and passed on.

Direct Fire Support Platoon spent much of the year testing new concepts and developing the way ahead for the use of machine guns and anti-armour weapons. The first test came in February when the platoon deployed to Wainwright, where the ability to effectively employ snowmobile mounted machine guns was tested. Additionally, night live fire shoots were conducted with the .50 calibre machine gun, specifically testing night vision equipment capability. Throughout the year, DFS platoon members maintained a parachute capability with the jump section often participating in A Company activities. The fall was mostly spent on courses, with members taking and instructing unit PCF training as well as the Advanced TOW course in Gagetown and a Breeching course in Ft Lewis.

Overall, Combat Support Company spent much of the year supporting other 3 PPCLI sub-units and focusing on individual skills. The company looks forward to 2004 with a view to conducting challenging collective training and enhancing the skills and cohesiveness of all members.



*What do you mean we
are out of ammo??*





Administration Company

Admin Coy's year through the never-ending post-Op APOLLO "reconstitution" has been a hectic one. Indeed, everyone in the Coy has demonstrated the work ethic (and perhaps more importantly, the flexibility of Gumby) required to meet the ever changing and challenging integral support requirements of a Light Infantry Battalion - or at least, this one! 2003 began with the key questions; "Where's all our kit? Who's been looking after all of these vehicles while we've been gone... and why are there so many? And why were most of our weapons red?" In the process of attempting to find those answers, and cope with a 'starburst' battalion training plan of company exercises, Admin Coy forged ahead with typical multi-tasked flair.

After four months of organizational focus, finally the Coy was given the opportunity for some keen soldier training, conducting an IBTS gun camp in WATC designed to bring Coy pers back up to MLOC status. Exercise SOAKING SPANNER followed quickly with some splashy, 'naval' adventure training near Grand Cache, Alberta. A good time was had by all white water rafting and canoeing the many local raging rivers, spiced up with the odd hike/portage across ravines and narrow, mountain passes. A lucky few were fortunate enough to 'support' our Ex COOPERATIVE BEST EFFORT contingent in Armenia, where they demonstrated that 'wrench benders' and 'bin rats' can soldier with the best a Rifle Coy has to offer. Following summer block leave the

Coy scattered to the winds in support of an intensive collective training period for all sub-units. Most locations were traditional 'good gos' south of the border (Grand Island, Washington or Ft Benning, Georgia), or in the mountains. Naturally, each one produced its own specific Friday afternoon admin 'drama.' What with 'Mad Cow' IMPs, MREs, damaged parachutes, unacceptable truck tires, and 'imaginative' charge card spending, the Coys kept Admin Coy on their toes. Then again, it has always been a case of "support first, ask questions later - immediately followed by who owns that IO anyway?".... and so it was the B Coy Gp was launched on OP PEREGRINE. Well done, Log PI! For those left behind at Battalion, Fall involved slugging it out with the more mundane - vehicle rationalization, safety training, a driver wheel course, and constant shepharding of the Unit on its way to the strongest SAV/ATI result in recent years. Not all was ORLs, HAZMAT, and SNAC verifications - some had time for an unorthodox introduction to life with the Third. A new crop of specialists joined the fray, as we sent our new MO to be a "long range, amphibious, patrolman," and subjected the QM to similar training - an inadvertent "combat swim test" and lesson in Hypothermia 101 - while playing with the big boys during Ex VIGILANT BEAR. The Maint O arrived, was swamped, then disappeared, and the Padre's 'Rubicon' became the weekly Coy Circuit 'beasting' under the RQMS. Welcome all!

Admin Coy remains a colourful cast of characters beavering away behind the scenes to keep all in order (or, in the case of our sizeable NES PI, literally remaining unseen): Transport PI, while happy with the TO's decision to cease wearing spandex, will continue to react on a dime and MCpl McAllister will find a way to make the plan work; Maintenance PI will dream of the end for vehicle rationalization and achievement of Light Infantry Battalion nirvana - one man, one driver, one vehicle! Go ETQMS! Medical PI will continue to rejoice in their new stand easy, out of sight and mind from 1 Fd Amb; and Log PI? - well, they'll keep everyone honest, out of jail, and continue to acquire, borrow, and generally satisfy the Unit's voracious appetite for kit. What might be the main effort for 2004? Franchising the Kandahar Kafe! Indeed, "at the end of the day," Admin Coy will continue to grip the "multi-headed hydra," and provide the most flexible, fluid, and seamless support possible to enable the Bn to continue to lead the way.

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Where's Waldo?



"I'm a little teapot..."

Ali Update

Ali has had a bone marrow transplant and is still recovering at this time. He still manages to follow the schooling offered at the hospital. Both Captain Alex Watson, his Canadian contacts in the United Arab Emirate, and the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry at large are hopeful that Ali will recover fully and be given a chance to live a happy and healthy life.



French Grey Battalion

One cannot write the French Grey Battalion's submission to The Patrician without first vigorously thanking the Field Force for the help received throughout the year, and this year should be no different. Once again, the year was extremely busy and we could not have run the numerous courses that we have without the augmentation of our Patricia brethren.

As befits the strength of our soldiers, Patricias have again distinguished themselves and brought pride to the Regiment. Congratulations to Sgt Grant for finishing as top candidate of the Sniper Det Commander Course 0302, Sgt Grady for topping DP3A 0301, MCpl Cruickshank for finishing first on Adv Anti-Armour 0301, and Sgt MacDonald for his top placement on Patrolling Advanced 0301.



Itchy and Scratchy

"I'm sure they are over there"



As with every other year, '02/'03 saw a number of Patricias come and go. Happily for those of us who have been here a while, the moratorium on incoming Patricia postings seems to have been lifted and we saw a good influx (it's about time too, the place was being overrun with Vandoos). With some amount of pomp and ceremony, LCol Creighton assumed the position of French Grey Battalion CO. This year we also welcomed Cpls Day, Matheson, and Stevens, MCpls Daigle, Cutler, and Croucher,

Sgts MacLaren, Grant and Hockley, and WOs Towell, Thornton and Snow. Holding the fort at LFAATC and Tactics School were CWOs Bartlett and White. Capt Dave Proctor made a seamless transition to the position of Chief Standards Officer (you would think that one had to have standards to be a standards officer), Capt Doug Clark arrived fresh from his Navy Ship's Diver Course (and has not ceased complaining since), and Capt Ludger Hacault was welcomed by CTC HQ. Of special note, Capt Simon Moore-Wilton arrived as our newest Australian exchange officer. Already those candidates waiting to go on Phase III are terrified of his "tabbing" and yoga abilities.

With some sadness we said farewell to some other Patricias. WO Dave Johnson said goodbye to civilization (well OK, he said goodbye to Oromocto) and headed off to Yellowknife. Capt Dave Beyer was promoted and then rewarded (?) by being posted across the parade square to CTC HQ. MWO Leduc followed Maj Beyer over to CTC HQ, which is just far enough away so that we do not have to see him every day but somehow we can still sense him poking around. WO Leger finally broke his record for longest posting to the Infantry School and was sent to 1 VP. CWO McArdle said his farewells and moved off to RMC. And last but certainly not least, Capt George Boyuk was sent back to Edmonton and immediately purchased a house as close as possible to his new CO.



Additional losses to the PPCLI include WO Larry Sanford who became Lt Sanford, then re-badged to the RCR. His professionalism and dedication will be sorely missed by the Regiment. WO Perry Kawa took the money he pilfered from the Kit Shop and retired back to Winnipeg, where he joined the reserves and took his commission (OH MY GOD!!!!). And finally, we said good-bye to a legend; WO Marty Clancy is currently living our dream. After having met and married a Brazilian lawyer, Marty retired and moved down to South America. Marty was last seen being turned down as extra for an A Marca Bavaria beer commercial because his Speedos were too tight.

Those of us here at the school wish to congratulate all who were successful in their courses here in Gagetown, and look forward to seeing all of you who will be walking through our doors for training this upcoming year; you can't avoid it.

Hands in their pockets...



Just a couple of happy Joes

Hamilton Gault Memorial Park Official Opening

Gault Memorial Park was initiated as a significant historic site for the Regiment in 2003.

The Gault Memorial Park was formally opened by Lady Patricia during a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony held 20 June 2003. The event also served as the first official Regimental function attended by MGen (Ret'd) Stewart as the newly appointed Colonel of the Regiment.

Conceived in 1998, the Gault Memorial Park, situated at Ortona and Korea Roads in Garrison Edmonton, is a tribute to the Regiment's founder, Andrew Hamilton Gault. It serves as a place of celebration, commemoration and reflection for all members of the Regimental Family, all those serving within Garrison Edmonton, and the general public. The raising of the Regiment was commemorated for the first time with the Gault Memorial Park by the combined parading of 1PPCLI and 3PPCLI on 10 August 2003.

A grove within the Gault Memorial Park was dedicated in the memory of Sgt. Jerry H. Squires by his family and friends.

The road to completing the Gault Memorial Park has been a long one originating with ground-breaking and consecration as part of the 85th Anniversary of the Regiment in 1999. Many thanks are extended to all who have contributed to the Park's development including sister Units within Garrison Edmonton, members of the PPCLI, their families and friends, and our Regimental corporate partners. All efforts, be they labour and/or financial, will long be remembered.





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Korean Student Bursaries

PPCLI continues tradition of Korean Student Bursary

Each year the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry award six student bursaries to local students in South Korea. This year's ceremony took place on April 2nd, 2003 at the Canadian Korean War Memorial Garden in Kap'yeong. Six students from the Kap'yeong Buk Middle School each received 250,000 Won (\$300Cdn) in the furtherance of their education. On hand for the ceremonies were thirty-four Canadian veterans from the Korean Veteran Association, who were conducting their annual pilgrimage to the Korean peninsula. Major Martin Kenneally, a PPCLI officer currently on exchange with the Korean Armed Forces Staff College, represented the Regiment at the ceremony.



Mister Edward James Richardson, a veteran of the Korean War, presenting a PPCLI Bursary to Lee Je-Young, a local South Korean student

First established in 1976, the PPCLI Korean Student Bursary celebrates the comradeship and solidarity that members of the Regiment forged with fellow South Korean soldiers during the Korean War. Whether it was the heroic defence at Kap'yeong, fighting during Operation Piledriver, or defending the Jamestown Line, the PPCLI developed close bonds with both Korean soldiers and the local population. Many other Commonwealth countries, including the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand also operate bursaries to celebrate their own relationships they've developed with the South Koreans.

Appreciation is extended to the staff of the Canadian Forces Attaché in Seoul for organizing the disbursement of bursaries on behalf of the PPCLI. Special mention should also be extended to Colonel (Retired) Robert Peacock, a veteran of the Korean

War, for his continued financial support to the PPCLI Korean Student Bursary. The Korean War will always be a part of the PPCLI. With over 3,800 Patricias veterans of the war, including 429 injured and 107 killed, the perpetual continuance of the PPCLI Korean Student Bursary will ensure that the sacrifices of both Canadians and Koreans in the name of freedom will never be forgotten.

Korean 50th Pilgrimage

By: Maj Martin Kenneally

On July 27th 1953, Korean War hostilities ended with the signing of an Armistice. Exactly 50 years later, a 125 person VAC Pilgrimage brought distinguished Korean War Veterans and numerous Veterans' organizations representatives, youth representatives and support staff to Korea from 22-31 July.

During that memorable week, the official party and other veterans who came at their own expense took part in a variety of ceremonies to mark the signing of the Armistice and most importantly the contribution made by the participating nations' veterans. The Republic of Korea through its Korean Veterans organization as well as the United Nations Command, the United States Forces Korea and others hosted the Canadian official party.

Veterans drawn from all sixteen participating nations joined the Canadians at some ceremonies. They were escorted in Korea by Canadian Forces embassy and exchange personnel and were generously hosted by the Canadian Ambassador, Mr Denis Comeau, at his residence. They attended ceremonies at the Peace House in the Joint Security Area in the Demilitarized Zone, the ROK National Cemetery, the ROK War Memorial and the United Nations Cemetery in Korea located in Busan (UNCMK). The UNCMK is the only UN Cemetery in the world and many of the veterans visited friends who had died during the war, a very emotional and moving experience. In November 2001, I participated in the unofficial dedication of the Monument to the



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Canadian Fallen in a solemn ceremony in UNCMK. Shortly before then, I accompanied Mr Vince Courtenay to the Sculptor's Workshop where Vince supervised the final changes to the original clay mould and the statue was fired and cast. This project, conceived by Patricia Veteran Mr Vince Courtenay, staunchly supported by then CDA Colonel Chip Bowness and the Canadian Ambassador Mr Denis Comeau, was financed by Korean War Veterans from across Canada. Two years later in Ottawa, a shadow copy was dedicated, drawing thousands of veterans and VIPs.

One of the most special days of the Pilgrimage, of particular interest to friends and members of the Regiment occurred on 29 July in the shadow of Hill 677 in the Kapyong Battlefield area. (Kapyong is now rendered Gapyung, and Pusan Busan, but the original English phonetic spelling will be used throughout). Then Minister of Veterans Affairs Dr. Ray Pagtakhan dedicated a tri-lingual monument to honour Canadian Servicemen who participated in the Korean War. The plaque was sponsored by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board.



The dedication ceremony was accompanied by a Veterans memorial ceremony which was attended by the CDS General Ray Henault and the CF CWO. Canadian Forces sentries representing all services with arms reversed were in place throughout the lengthy ceremony, at the height of the summer heat. Having attended half a dozen such ceremonies at Kapyong and Pusan over the two years I was in Korea, I was always impressed with the continued excellent support from the local Kapyong

community, the ROK KVA, and the ROK Government. Schoolchildren are taught in great detail their history and Koreans remain grateful to this day to Canada and the UNC for its critical role in saving the ROK in its darkest hour in the summer of 1950. The official support is accompanied by sincere personal gestures by individuals as well. For example, a local 85 yr old farmer who was sheltered by 2 PPCLI during the battle still tends the Canadian Memorial Gardens weekly. Mr Ki Kap Chong has been a driving force behind the Kapyong memorials, Canadian Memorial Gardens, and monuments for thirty years, galvanizing both Korean and Canadian Government support and donating land for the site. And finally, an anonymous young local woman attends all the ceremonies, and distributes handmade prints with flowers to the Canadians who attend. They remember.

Various generations of The PPCLI were present during this pilgrimage. Serving members Cpl Stewart Bowe (2 PPCLI), Sgt Mike Taggart, (CFSU) and the author represented the current generation. The vets included Peter Worthington, noted journalist, who served as an officer in 3 PPCLI; and Vince Courtenay, the moving force behind the Monument to the Canadian Fallen and author of several books on the Korean War. Vince played a key-if always modest and understated-role in the Pilgrimage, writing daily notes for participants which provided background for each event (see the VAC site).

The 2003 Pilgrimage to Korea to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice was a truly unique and memorable event, bringing some closure for many of the veterans on a formative event in their lives. I had the good fortune to listen to some of them tell their stories about painful events set aside for fifty years, until they returned to Korea. (One veteran who was saved by a comrade whom he had not seen since he was evacuated under fire was re-united by one of our quick-thinking Sgts on the tour bus.) Whenever you get a chance, speak to a veteran. More importantly, listen. Lest we forget. VP.



For further information and photos on the Canadian participation in the Korean War and the pilgrimage, see www.vac-acc.gc.ca and follow the links to Canada Remembers the Korean War.



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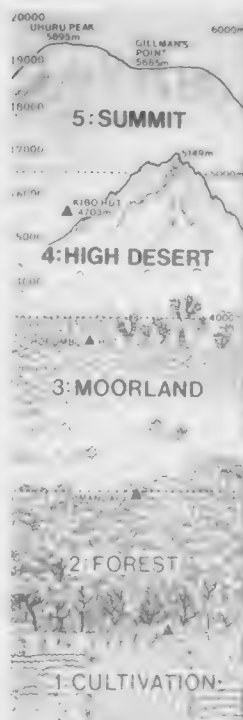
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Adventure to the Roof of Africa...

y: Private N.D. Bailey

14 June 2003 - We arrived in Tanzania airport at 2045 hours. As soon as we walked through the doors there were a couple of guys who asked us if we were from Asia or Canada. At first we didn't think anything of it. We just thought they were our guides to the hotel. It wasn't until we were filling out the paperwork and read that 'you have been in counter with Saers'. When we finally grabbed our luggage and found the right people they were helpful and cool. On the way to the hotel, we read a bit more about the hotel. The way the driver was driving and the back roads was like we were rush wacking through the Rockies with an ATV. When we got to the hotel, our expectations were blown out of the water - they treated us like royalty.

15 June 2003 - This morning we took a little walk around the outskirts of the hotel. We saw some locals bathing and washing their clothing in the river. At first we thought that was the water everyone drank, but later we found out that there is designated areas of the river for doing things like that. There were young children working in the rice, corn fields, weeding and harvesting. About 1400 hours, the both of us had a massage to rejuvenate us for the climb tomorrow. At 1600 hours we had a little get together to discuss the climb and to meet a few people that were going to be on the climb with us. There was a family from Edmonton and a couple from Wales.



15 June 2003 - Shortly after breakfast we started packing up the bus to go to the mountain. The trek started in a little town that sits at 6000 feet. We registered with the park so they would have a record of the number of days that we'd be on the mountain. The trek began in the humid, wet rain forest. We wore gaders to keep the mud out of our boots. When we finally reached the first camp at 9500 feet, everyone was bagged and ready for bed but the porters had tea and cookies ready for us. Shortly after sitting down with Alan & Jennis to talk about the climb up, the cook had supper ready, a candlelight dinner to be exact!

17 June 2003 - Wakeup call was 0630 hours, breakfast at 0700 hours. Breakfast consisted of omelettes, sausages, tomatoes, toast and porridge. Today's trek was a comfortable one, through trees and brush. We wore quick, dry pants and shirts. Looking back down behind us, the views were like being an eagle soaring through the



clouds and the view ahead was of the spectacular ice cape of Mount Kilimanjaro. Camp two was at 12,125 feet. The site was flat, with a few trees. We happened to be situated by one that we could use as a clothing line.

18 June 2003 - The morning started off brisk then warmed up very quickly. About 1300, Tony and I reached lava tower at 15,450 feet, we climbed the tower on our own and after taking some pictures we slowly climbed back down to where our guide was resting, to continue to our next camp at 12,500 feet. By the time we reached camp, dinner was ready so we took off our packs and sat down to dinner.

19 June 2003 - Today was a short one. We got to camp four at 12,045 feet, just before lunch.

20 June 2003 - Today was a fulfilling day; we reached camp five at 15,500 feet. After lunch, we helped the porters set up the campsite. Then we started packing for the long haul ahead of us. By the time we had everything done, we still had time to sit down for a cup of tea before our early supper, then straight to bed.

21 June 2003 - Today was a long day. We started our trek to the summit starting at 0030 hours. The trek up was slower than a turtle. You have to, if not you will become outrageously sick because of the change in altitude. Tony reached the summit in minutes after myself caused by carrying a 15 kg backpack, he is training for next year's trip to Everest. We stayed an hour on the summit for some breathtaking pictures and to enjoy the sites of the ice walls and the clouds beneath us, making us feel like giants in feet tall and invincible. About 0730 hours we started the descent down the mountain to camp five to rest and repack our winter clothing to head down to camp six at 775 feet.

Just one last word - When someone says climbing Kilimanjaro is a walk in the park, yes they're right...it is a walk in the park because the mountain is in a National park. But it takes a strong will and spirit to do so...



Western Area Training Centre

2003 was a year of growth and transition at WATC. We said farewell to retiring Patricias Major Fawcett, our DCO, and CWO Pryce, WATC's RSM. Major Fawcett has taken up cattle ranching west of Wainwright at Strome, and CWO Pryce has embarked on what is certain to be a successful career in woodcrafting.

2003 also saw the promotion of our QMSI. CWO McNaughton is now the RSM of the Ceremonial Guard in Ottawa, and dress and deportment in the Ottawa area has reportedly never been at a higher standard. MWO Neatby arrived from 2 PPCLI to assume the duties of QMSI, and MWO Thurston, formerly of 3 PPCLI, arrived to become the Infantry Team Leader for training assistance teams at the Militia Training Support Centre.

The Patricia presence at the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre grew this year, with the arrival of their RSM, MWO Chase. In the coming months, CMTC will continue to grow, and realistic digitized force-on-force training will be introduced to the Canadian Army.



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Land Force Atlantic Area

The Patricia omnipresence in Land Force Atlantic Area has gained significant ground over this past year. Although our new Commander, BGen Raymond Romses, no longer wears his Patricia hat badge, his Patricia approach to soldiering has unquestionably made an impression on all soldiers in the Area. Unconfirmed rumors allege that BGen Romses (or 'Ripcord' Romses as he is affectionately known by the members of the LFAA hockey team) took command of LFAA after beating the former commander in a ten round, no-holds-bared steel cage match.

LCol Chris Corry continued to tend his dispersed flock of ruggedly handsome Patricias within LFAA and has remained as Chief of Staff of 36 CBG HQ in Halifax where he has earned an auspicious reputation for taking on all challengers in the Atlantic Bush League Crosschecking Championships. Maj Keith MacDonald remains as CO LFAA TC (Detachment Aldershot) where he is being treated for a condition that causes him to involuntarily shout the Ranger Creed when questioned about his insistence to leopard crawl 10 km in to work each morning. Maj Scott Bland is still at LFAA HQ in Halifax and has this past year moved over to assume the G3 Training position. Apparently, he too is receiving treatment for a less severe, but treatable condition that causes him to jab and leap on the accelerator each time he encounters a green light at traffic intersections.

Capt Andrew Vivian is amidst serving his second year of hard time in the LFAA Operations Centre as the G3 Ops 2 and openly admits that given the choice again, 30 years in penal labor camp would have been easier time. Sgt Chad McNamara is a new-comer to LFAA HQ as the G3 Tasks 2 and has already traded in his fighting order for an HB pencil and a pink chiffon lunchbox.

WO Rick Barker is new to RSS with 1 NSH in Truro NS and is under the watchful eye of MWO Bud Gilfoy, also RSS with 1 NSH. Not linked of course, it seems that the local Truro economy is growing dramatically due to the inexplicable skyrocket of rye whisky sales from local vendors. WO Darryell Warrington and Cpl Ken Mansfield are continuing their extended RSS tours with the PLF in Halifax and can be easily recognized by their loyal following of Patricia worshipers in trail.

Capt Eugene Squires has absented himself from his post as G3 Ops 37 CBG in Moncton this year for a UN tour in the Golan Heights and Capt Mike Pretty is still firmly entrenched as RSS to 1 RNFLDR in St John's. Both Capt Squires and Capt Pretty were devastated by the recent allegations against their favorite pop star Michael Jackson, but collectively swear not to abandon their aspirations to put out their own conglomerate tribute album. Maybe next year they'll send me a return on what they're up to so I can include it in the article.

Despite his position as the 5 CRPG Ops O in Gander, Capt Gord George has still managed to find time in his busy schedule to fly the regimental colours in every fine entertainment establishment on George St. Apparently, it's not called George St for nothing.

On behalf of all LFAA Patricias, BGen Romses and LCol Corry would like to wish all their Regimental brethren a healthy and prosperous 2004.

VP!

Quebec Area ERE

Most of the Patricias here in Quebec are at Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School in St. Jean-sur-Richelieu. There are sixteen Patricias currently at CFLRS. We are now second only to the mighty Van Doos in terms of number of training cadre.

Recently, Sgt Stang and WO Gelineau joined the training cadre after returning from ROTO 12. Sgt Bernier left to become a firefighter, and Sgt Chabot, the renowned school artist, left to become, suitably, an Imagery Tech. MWO Wiseman ends his three year tenure at the school, finishing as the Division Sergeant Major for Recruit Division. He will return to 1PPCLI this year.



While not the busiest year in the history of CFLRS (that title belongs to 2002), 2003 remains close. The school graduated 2139 recruits. 670 officer cadets passed the first part of officer basic training, IAP, while another 770 finished the second half, BOTP.

The PRTC (pre-recruit training program) program, which sat idle for several years, started again in the summer of 2003. 45 aboriginal students finished the course, and 16 went on to join the CF. The course will resume again this summer.

WO Meihuizen was commissioned to Lieutenant in November. Luckily, he did not have to complete BOTP, which he has been teaching for the last two years. Capt Wade Rutland will end his tenure as 2PPCLI's exchange officer in Quebec City with 2 P22R, and will be replaced by Capt Lee Mossop. Capt Tim Walshaw continues to sleep in as RSS officer with the Grenadier Guards in Montreal.

The ragged and tired Quebec Patricias at the school gathered at Cage aux ports in St. Jean for beers just before Christmas. Our French continues to improve (or those for whom it is not a first language), and we continue to grow larger devouring poutine.



Ottawa ERE

It's impossible to describe all the activities that Patricias in the National Capital Region are involved in; but it is safe to say that almost every Army or Joint activity has at least one Patricia somewhere. The diversity and pace of activity here makes it impossible to get the entire local Regimental family together at any given time, but we at least had a quorum on a few occasions in 2003.

Regimental events in the area this year included: a well-attended informal gathering in August; observances with the Regimental Association at Lansdowne Park on November 11th; and a final gathering to meet the COs and RSMs later in November. The get-together with the COs and RSMs was the probably best-attended and longest-lasting local event of the year. Another event worth noting was the long overdue dedication of a National Korean War Memorial on 27 September. Hundreds of Korean Veterans attended a reunion weekend in Ottawa, which culminated in the dedication of a National Memorial to the fallen of that conflict. An enthusiastic Old Guard of Patricias fell in behind the Camp Flag as part of a march past of veterans of all corps.

There were a number of personnel events here over the course of the year including the departure of Colonel David Fraser, who turned over his Regimental duties to Colonel John Turner early in the year and the departure of Lieutenant-Colonel Barry Southern, who left in October for a tour in the Middle-East. Congratulations are in order for Major Jerry Walsh of the DCDS Group who was awarded a Regimental Achievement Award for being named the best international student on the United Kingdom Joint Services Command and Staff Course in July.

In closing let me offer my thanks to those serving Patricias who attended event over the past year and also to Harry Bloom of the local Association for his continuing support and good humour.



Canadian Parachute Centre

The Canadian Parachute Centre (CPC) has maintained a very high training tempo over the past 12 months. The Patricias employed at CPC were involved in the conduct of 11 Basic Para serials, four Military Freefall Parachuting (MFP) serials, one Advanced Mountain Operations (AMO) serial, and numerous trials, Tactical Airlift exercises, and other courses. However, the school also experienced a tragedy with the passing of LCol Blanchette, Unit Commanding Officer, in a parachuting accident on 5 September. His last words to WO Roch Lanteigne, the dispatching Jump Master, "Roch, we have a good life - don't we!" reflect the feeling CPC members have about their employment as paratroopers and Parachute Instructors at the Canadian Force's Centre of Excellence for Parachuting.

No new members of the Regiment were added to CPC this past APS; however, Capt James Chorley left for greener pastures in Ottawa. The old dogs were left to carry on with their duties in the instruction of paratroopers, freefallers, mountain operators, and pathfinders. CPC continued to forge the way into the future with the revision of the MFP course to include High Altitude Oxygen training descents, introduction of Tandem Parachuting as a Military Course, investigation into Fast Roping, trials of the Precision Guided Aerial Delivery System (PGADS) and other new parachuting systems and techniques, and the training of the SAR TECH community in freefall parachuting. There was one late addition to the Patricias employed at the school as Captain Gerhard Hildebrand arrived in early January with his hunting dog, aptly named Pickly, in tow.



A couple of Patricias made the migration from Training Company to the SkyHawks. Captain Troy Neufeld returned from taking parental leave with his wife and newborn daughter and took over as the Officer Commanding SkyHawks. He brought along Sgt Don (Squid) Carlson for entertainment value. In Squid's words, "I'd get a real

job, but I'm not ready to start work yet." Sgt Kevin Karambowich remains employed with the SkyHawks for the 2004 Season. WO Charlie Sheppard spent part of the year living, as he puts it, "in Florida under an assumed name." He made a total of 4 trips to Florida (most on military time) and spent 30 hrs in the wind tunnel. When he wasn't in Florida he was in Comox, BC and the SAR community there has promised him many good things for jumping (Tandem) their wives. Sgt Joe Hillier maintained his record - breaking 11 year employment streak at CPC and is "still here, still doing the job." For the record, Sgt Ron Gillis wants everyone to know that "contrary to popular belief, I was not posted this past APS." As usual, he made his yearly trip to Edmonton to show all out west that he is still alive and well. WO Dave Hubbard spent the past summer running a highly successful AMO course that saw 18 out of 24 graduating. Sgt John McNabb, looking for more excitement in his life, is off to Fort Benning, Georgia for the Ranger Course. He is looking forward to seeing the sun rise and set for 61 straight days while lying in a hole in the prone position. Capt Quentin Innis is gunning for Sgt Joe Hillier's streak and is going on 4 years at CPC, "still hanging on by my finger nails." At the time of writing WO Rene Kiens was down in Florida, attending the Tandem Bundle Course and freefalling with a 600 lb bundle attached to his harness (just another day in the life for Rene). Our honorary Patricia, MCpl Dean Gorman, has a new baby, a new house, and is currently sweating it out on the Jump Master Course.



Kingston Area ERE

October 3, 2003 saw a number of the Patricias in the Kingston area gather for a photo, presentations of the Commander-in-Chief Commendation to former members of PPCLI and some reminiscing. LCol Marv Makulowich has taken over as the Kingston area rep from LCol Shane Brennan, who is now conducting Post Grad work at RMC. LCol (Ret'd) Jim Calvin gave Sgt Dave Pierroy and Sgt (Ret'd) Greg Soucie their Commendations for serving with the 2PPCLI BG in Croatia in 1993.

There are a number of Patricias that are serving throughout the Kingston area. FDTs is commanded by BGen Glen Nordick, who is joined by LCol Ian Hunt, LCol Dave Pentney, Maj Nick Martyn, Maj Shane Schreiber, Maj Sean Wyatt and Capt Mike Annis. LCol Marv Makulowich, LCol Mike Goodspeed and Sgt Randy MacDonald can be found at the CLFCSC while LCol Ian Hope is pursuing post grad studies at Queen's. STC is home to Maj Lindsay Reinelt, Capt Kevin Barker, Capt Stef Grubb and Capt Wolf Hess-von Krudener, with Capt Bob Asch having left this past summer for a year with the MFO in El Gorah. The JOG is also well represented, starting with the new CO, LCol John Turner. Joining him are LCol Stu Sharpe, Maj Martin Kenneally and Capt Mike Wright. Capt Kyle Easton recently retired from there. RMC is served by LCol Perry Loveridge, Maj Doug Delaney, Lt James Dawe, CWO Dave McArdle and WO John Marshall, while Capt Curtis Smith has an email at the CDA while he attends law school full time. Rounding out the NCM side of the house, Base Ops employs Sgt Don Analstyne and Sgt Dave Pierrroy while Sgt Arnie Parris, Sgt Rob Taillon and MCpl Steve Jessome can be found at the Joint Signals Regiment and Sgt Curtis White is busy at the Recruiting Centre in Kingston.

As the Patricias are spread through a number of organizations in different areas of CFB Kingston, it is very rare to get everyone together. We intend to meet again to celebrate Regimental Day and again in May to recognize the Battle of Frezenberg. We are pleased to share these gatherings with the members of the local PPCLI Association Chapter and a welcome hand is always extended to the Patricias that come through on course or TD. Those attending the Army Operations Course are here for extended stays and makes the Mess life lively when an assignment has been completed and they can let out some steam.

Since coming to CFRC Det Kingston, Sgt White has been a representative at many events in the Kingston area, including the Juno Beach Celebrations and a change of command ceremony at the historic reserve unit Brockville Rifles. Community is the lifeblood of recruiting and Sgt White is doing his part in making the CF the number one job of choice in Kingston.



FAR FROM HOME

A MEMOIR OF A TWENTIETH CENTURY SOLDIER

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By: WO Dave Johnson

Hello from south of the Barren Lands at Regional Cadet Support Unit (North), Yellowknife! When a person mentioned the Northwest Territories or Nunavut to me, I imagined: snow, -30C temperatures, and the locals eating raw meat. Well, I wasn't too far off! There is snow eight months of the year, its bloody cold and to warm up, a sliver of fresh seal meat may be offered.

WO Steve Sandahl left the North and was posted to the greener pastures in Vancouver, BC. Steve was well liked by the cadet corps and will be sorely missed at Whitehorse summer camp this year. So far, everyone I have met wants to know if I am 'rock head' like Steve and are disappointed when I give an answer. Good luck to you Steve, stay warm.



When I arrived in Yellowknife, the learning curve was, and still is, quite steep. In September, RCSU(N) hosted a "CO's Conference" for all the Cadet Corp/Sqd COs. At the conference and under the tutelage of WO Lester Leighton, I met most of the key players who I will have contact with and got a feel for their wants and needs.

After the conference, WO Wayne Jure and I started visiting our cadet corps. We are each responsible to facilitate eight cadet corps across the North. My corps range from Inuvik on the coast of the Beaufort Sea, Pond Inlet on the north end of Baffin Island to as far south as Fort Smith on the north border of Alberta and the Northwest Territory. In mid December, RCSU(N) assessed a regional wide drill competition, which culminated with the best corps/sqds competing in Yellowknife. This was

very exciting for some of the cadets who had never been away from their hamlets and had never seen trees before. From January to July, we will be busy running a winter familiarization course, biathlon competitions and our on-going visits in the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.



Hello from the NORTH. For those unfortunate souls who know nothing about 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (1 CRPG) I am going to take this opportunity to fill this gap in your professional knowledge. I am going to skip over the describing the frustrations of 24 hours of daylight, or the joys of 24 hours of darkness and -40(C temperatures. 1 CRPG is responsible for training the 58 Ranger Patrols that make up 1 CRPG. In addition, we are responsible for conducting surveillance and monitoring of the remote areas of Canada's north. This past year the Patricia's in 1 CRPG participated in numerous Ranger training patrols, Sovereignty Patrols, support to Sovereignty Operations (Reg Force Exercises in the North) as well some Adventure Training, to name but a few of the activities that kept us busy. The year commenced with an eight day, 600 mile,

Sovereignty Patrol by LOSV around Banks Island, which is located in the Western Arctic. Major Gibson and three other members of the unit conducted a route recce from Eureka to CFS Alert, by LOSV, in preparation for the Sovereignty Patrol which will be conducted in March - April 2004. Adventure training this year for the group was a 150 km hike on Ellesmere Island from Tanquary Fiord to Lake Hazen. It was one of those adventures that you hate every minute that you are doing it, but brag about it with great enthusiasm six months later. Life "North of 60" is anything but normal or routine. I highly recommend it for everyone.

The following is a brief synopsis of my experiences in 1 CRPG:

"Join the Army and see the world", "Live the adventure," the Recruiting Officer said. So when I joined I expected to see and experience all manner of different things in exotic places with strange sounding names, such as Wainwright, Suffield, Gagetown, and other locations such as Visoko and Nicosia thrown in just to whet our appetites. Little did I realise that you had to go north to 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group, to experience exotic sounding places. Now I travel by plane every time I depart from home to places like Tuktoyaktuk, Tsiigehtchic, and Qikqatarjuaq and man are they exotic! Every month it's a new 10-14 day (as long as the weather is good, or it could be longer!) adventure travelling anywhere from the western edge of the Yukon to the Eastern shores of Baffin Island or North to the "fiords (even the landscape sounds exotic) of Ellesmere Island". Then I am met, as my plane lands by men dressed in red that unload my 1500lbs of more weapons and kit. First day begins with recruiting and background checks done on all who wish to "join up" a very interesting endeavour. Then it's on to 4/5 days of classroom training where I instruct up to thirty "Rangers" some that may listen to what it is I am saying with varying degrees of understanding. I instruct on almost everything and anything, maps, weapons safety and handling, search and rescue, drill, first aid, and basic military skills to everyone. This training is usually done in a community hall of some sort but at times in hotel rooms, Fire Halls, schools or even the great outdoors, anywhere you can plug in your computer. Yes, each instructor is issued a laptop computer to assist in instruction and pay. Next is 4-5 days of living "on the land" after travelling up to 300kms by skidoo, ATV, or boat from the community to reach your camp. After setting up the McPherson tent the patrol starts field training with Lee-Enfield .303 cal range day as well as the C-7 and 9mm Pistol (they don't work too well in extreme cold). The Patrol also confirms classroom training by doing practical training. We also get to participate in a traditional skills day during which a meal of some sort is rounded up, usually raw and consisting of char, caribou, aged walrus, muktuk (whale blubber) and other fine delicacies. The return trip is usually eventful with polar bears or caribou herds, open water (Yes, even in the Arctic Ocean in Jan) or just vehicle breakdowns causing delays. Try fixing a snowmobile track in -40(C, it might not weigh much but with blizzards, bears and open ice worries it gives new meaning to fix it now! Back in the community a graduation parade is held and most communities come out to see their Rangers doing drill. Then it's time to pay the Patrol and ensure all the paper work is done before flying back home for two weeks, kiss the wife and kids, work on the car a bit and then do it all over again. We aren't in Wainwright anymore Toto!! It's just another day in the north, come on up the weather is fine, ... really.

CFRC Vancouver

The Patricias have again left their mark on CFRC. Although most of the Regiment would probably regard the word "busy" with a bit of tongue in cheek, it has been just that kind of year in recruiting. Patricias continue to hold some key positions in Vancouver. The new CO, Maj Ralf Urzinger, commands our three detachments in Victoria, Kelowna and Vancouver. Capt Tyrone Green is the Commander of Det Vancouver, with Sgt Werner Meuhlberger working for him as a Recruiter. Werner has the most experience in recruiting amongst the Patricias. Sgt Huf Mullick is the South Asian coordinator and works in the Diversity cell in the Centre's HQ.

Since November of 2002, things have really picked up the pace over here on the "left" coast. CFRC Vancouver was relocated in November but remains in the downtown core. The move was a challenge for the CO at the time; Maj Jim Waddell had his troops ferrying kit from West Pender St. to the "swank" new digs West Georgia. Most of the Patricias were not overly impacted by the move, in the words of Sgt Muehlbereger, "At least this ain't Dundurn!"



The annual ROTP campaign was launched along with various school visits and numerous career fairs. The bread and butter cycle of recruiting had just begun. The official Grand Opening of the new and improved CFRC Vancouver punctuated this season. Sgt Meuhlberger took up the responsibility of the rappel demonstration, dispatching troops off the top of the Grosvenour building, some 220 ft in height. The crowd was impressed beyond belief that soldiers were scaling down the walls of a major building. And no, despite this being "Hollywood North", it wasn't a movie set: Spiderman take note.

During the grand Opening, Capt Green and Sgt Mullick returned to Winnipeg to receive the Governor General's Unit Commendation for the Medak Pocket. It was a proud moment for the 2nd Battalion members and a great opportunity to rekindle old friendships and swap stories.

The recruiting grind continued on until May when CFRC Vancouver said good-bye to Maj Waddell and welcomed our new CO, Maj Ralf Urzinger. It was the first change of command that didn't require a march past or hours of rehearsals. This was a difficult adjustment for Sgt Mullick who was still assimilating through the "culture shock" having just been posted into the Centre in April of 2002.

Even though the posting is perceived as a "jammy go", any one who has spent time in recruiting knows that this is not always the case. Recruiting has it's own unique set of challenges. One such challenge was taken up by Sgt Mullick who was tasked to make in roads into the lower mainland's large South Asian community. He is happy to report that the mission has been successful to date and he now finds himself pictured on various outreach displays, magazines and other local media. The new challenge for recruiting's "poster boy" - secure an agent.

On a beautiful sunny West Coast day, the "Pats" closed out the year in review, paying tribute to the fallen on Remembrance Day. Time to reflect on those Patricias who had gone before us hosted by one of the biggest crowds in Vancouver in recent history. It was a bit of a reunion for some, despite the underlying tone of sadness: no matter the distance from our Regiment, they were not forgotten.



West Coast Patricias



Sierra Leone



The United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) was first established in April 2000 and currently there are two Patricias who are serving with the UN in the West African nation (Maj Joe Pollock, and Capt Steve Charchuk). The once large UN deployed force of 17,500 soldiers is currently in the process of withdrawing and it is hoped that UNAMSIL will be completely removed from Sierra Leone sometime in 2005. Maj Pollock and Capt Charchuk are part of a 250 United Nations Military Observer (UNMO) Force that is involved in the following areas:

1. patrolling the border with Guinea to the north and the border with Liberia to the south-east;
2. assisting the Sierra Leone Government in stopping illegal diamond mining. Sierra Leone has some of the largest and richest diamond deposits in Africa. It is estimated that the value of Sierra Leonean diamonds leaving the country illegally each year is between 150 and 200 million dollars (US). The vast majority of these are smuggled out of the country and traded out to Liberia.

3. monitoring the registration and voting of local elections that are to be complete by June 2004. This has proven to be a slow and methodical process as Sierra Leone has not held local elections since 1972; and
4. supervised the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) process of in excess of 30,000 ex-combatants (of which over 5,000 were child soldiers).



Sinai

Forming the eastern portion of Egypt, the Sinai Peninsula has often been a centrepiece of Middle East conflicts. This tract of land has served as a land bridge to Africa, a barrier to conquest and a place of sanctuary from the wars of Europe. The peninsula itself has changed ownership numerous times over the years. Most recently in April 1982, following the end of the 4th Arab-Israeli War, the peninsula was returned to Egypt with the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) established to oversee the Treaty of Peace between Egypt and Israel.



Currently the possibility of war between Egypt and Israel is remote. Nevertheless, the focus of the mission has remained constant now for over twenty years, 'to observe and report'. What the MFO observes and reports on is incursions into designated buffer zones between the countries by Egyptian or Israeli forces. While this rarely occurs due to hostile intent directed at each other, it has been Israel's internal strife with the Palestinians that has had the greatest impact. This is because whenever the Israelis conduct raids into the Gaza Strip for internal security operations they are actually in violation of the treaty if they operate within three kilometres of the Egypt/Israeli border. In light of the Palestinian Intefada that started in 2000, this has been a frequent occurrence pushing the operational tempo within the MFO to an all-time high.

Currently 29 personnel comprise the Canadian Contingent of the MFO. Unique to the 2003/2004 Rotation is the presence of three Patricias within the contingent. Covering the SA to the Chief of Operations desk is Major Shawn McKinstry out of the Land Staff, Ottawa. Drawn from the Canadian Forces School of Aeronautical Studies in Winnipeg to serve as Staff Officer Training / Development is Major Will Saunders. Finally, rounding out the team as a Battle Captain in the Force Operations Centre is Captain Bob Ascah from the Peace Support Training Centre in Kingston.

Always a Patricia is the follow-on to Syd Frost's earlier book *Once a Patricia*. In that book he told the story of his experience in the PPCLI in World War II and he ended with an account of the pilgrimages he made back to the battlefields in later years to pay respects to the memory of those who did not return - a commitment he made when wounded.

ALWAYS A PATRICIA



C. Sydney Frost

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Royal Australian Regiment

Motto: Duty First

Since 1999 the Royal Australian Regiment formed the bases of Australian Battalion (AUSBATT) Groups deployed to East Timor as part of International Force East Timor (INTEFET) and later the United Nations Transition Administration East Timor (UNTEAT). All six battalions, each with distinct roles, rotated through six-month deployments to oversee East Timor gain its independence in May 2002. Battalions, in succession, successively participated in Operations Tanager and Citadel. Rotations will cease in May 2004.

1st Battalion (1 RAR)

Role: Light Infantry

Home Base: Townsville, Queensland

Deployments: East Timor

Deploying on Op Citadel with only three rifle companies due to a UN Peace Keeping Force man-cap ceiling, B Coy remained in Australia to prepare for Ex Gold Eagle, which was conducted in the United States. B Company's participation was the first major exercise after the Australian Defence Force's contribution to coalition operations in the Gulf War.



1 RAR's Pte Chris Schutt, mans the Machine Gun during a vehicle-mounted patrol on Timor's East/West border.



2nd Battalion (2 RAR)
Role: Light Infantry
Home Base Townsville, Queensland
Deployments: Iraq and The Solomons (Islands)

Simultaneously deploying overseas operationally in two separate theatres, 2 RAR provided a Security Detachment in Iraq, to protect Australia's diplomatic mission, and a group to the Solomon Islands to support and safeguard the multi-national police force. The Baghdad contingent, based on one platoon, included elements from Administration and Support Companies, as well as MP and Cavalry attachments. The Solomon Islands contingent, commanded by the CO, assisted in restoring security and peace to the people of the Friendly Isles.

Amidst operational preparation and deployments, the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Samichon (Korea) was commemorated in Townsville. More than 200 former members of the Battalion, their partners, and over 30 Korean veterans attended for the four-day reunion.



B Coy 2 RAR soldiers establish a vehicle check point in suburban Baghdad in Iraq.

3rd Battalion (2 RAR)
Role: Parachute
Home Base: Sydney New South Wales

After a second tour of East Timor in 2002 in a light infantry role, the focus was to re-establish the Parachute Battalion Group (PBG) capabilities. A highlight for the year was the Kapyong Day (Korea) celebrations on 24 April. A parade was conducted for veterans, and families, that included a cavalcade of vehicles and soldiers representing significant periods in 3 RAR's history.



3 RAR conducts a cordon and search operation on patrol through the streets of Dilli, East Timor.

4th Battalion [4 RAR (Cdo)]

Role: Commando

Home Base: Sydney New South Wales

Deployment: Iraq

Re-roled with a commando capability in 1997, 4 RAR (Cdo) was declared operational in 1999. Deployments to East Timor, in a light Infantry role, held commando capability developments in abeyance. But, in response to world terrorism, after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the Australian Government directed expansion of the Australian Defence Force to include a Tactical Assault Group to compliment SASR's long-standing counter terrorist capability.

A 4 RAR soldier undergoes incident response training as part of the newly raised Tactical assault Group.





Deployed to Iraq in April 2003 on Op FALCONER and BASTILLE a company element supported coalition combat Search and Rescue operations in support of SASR.

5th/7th Battalion [5/7 RAR (Mech)]

Role: Mechanised Infantry

Home Base: Darwin Northern Territory

Deployments: East Timor

A second rotation to East Timor in 2003, following the October 2002 Bali bombing coupled with riots in Dili, saw heightened security measures. Incidents of extreme violence occurred in Atsabe and Bacau, resulting in a large number of security operations. The most significant being successful contact, and capture, of a hostile armed group responsible for murder and injury to innocent civilians in a bus ambush. The contact resulted in one hostile KIA and WIA. The battalion was instrumental in establishing training for the Border Patrol Unit, which will eventually assume full responsibility for border security

Training culminated on 3rd December with 30th birthday celebrations and presentation of new 5/7 RAR Colours; significant in that the RAR's last remaining Union flag Queen's Colours were laid up and the first combined RAR unit Colours presented.



*Members of the 5/7 RAR beachland from a
Landing Craft - Heavy at the Oekusi enclave East Timor.*



The 5/7 RAR colours are marched off the Darwin parade ground before being laid up as Australia's last Union Flag Queen's colours.

6th Battalion (6 RAR)
Role: Light Infantry /Motorised
Home Base: Brisbane, Queensland
Deployments: East Timor

Emphasising preparation for a second operational deployment to Timor Leste (TL), in October companies rotated through the Jungle Training Wing (JTW) as well as MOUT facilities.

The June Birthday Beating of the Retreat parade was reviewed by a previous CO, the current Commander of the 1st Division, MAJGEN Mark Evans DSC, AM. In late June, further exercises prepared for Ex TIMOR PRELUDE conducted by Combined Arms Battle Wing (CABW) west of Townsville.

B Company participated in Ex PAC BOND in Hawaii, whilst B Coy 2-27th Battalion (Wolfhounds) (US) was hosted in Brisbane in July/August. A Live Firing Exercise in late August prevented traditional battalion Long Tan Day Commemorative Ceremonies (Vietnam 18 Aug 1966) but scaled-down services were conducted in barracks as well as in the field on exercise. Deployment to East Timor commenced in October, one rifle company group at a time. It will be the last Royal Australian Regiment rotation.



6 RAR patrol being inserted into East Timor by UN Puma helicopter.



4 RAR conduct Search and Rescue operations supporting the SASR in Iraq during the Gulf war.



2551 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps

The 2551 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Cadet Corps is located in the Jefferson Armories, 11630-109 Street, Edmonton. Parading Tuesday evenings 1830-2130h under the Command of CIC Officer Lt. L. Meyer. The Cadet Corps, and the Army Cadet program has endeavored to provide a comprehensive, interesting and diversified program for the Cadets. The training year began with the Unit regained it's strength with the return of many of the Cadets completing summer training in various locations, both domestic and abroad. Many of the Cadets were sent to various locations for summer training, including Vernon, British Columbia; Rocky Mountain National Army Cadet summer Training Center, Alberta; Connaught, Ontario; as well as Bisley, England and Wales.



Some of the year's highlights are listed below:

With the assistance and support of 3rd Battalion, PPCLI, the Cadets were able to experience the thrill and excitement of the mock tower. They also participated in the obstacle course, the SAT range, and rappelling. This was a very exciting day for the Cadets, not only from the training aspect, but having the opportunity to interact and ask many questions from the Parachute Instructors, Jump Masters, and NCM's that donated their time to assist. The training year also included a 2-day field training exercise conducted at Lessard Lake. Throughout the weekend, instruction was delivered in fieldcraft, bushcraft, basic survival, as well as map and compass instruction. This type of training was also conducted in the spring. Citizenship is also one of the mandates of the Cadet movement. This was achieved in assisting the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce with the Bright Nights Festival. The Cadets and staff were on hand for the opening night of the event to assist the disabled, parking, etc. The 2551 PPCLI Cadet Corps was also involved in supporting our sponsor: The Royal Canadian Legion,



Norwood Branch #178 in their annual poppy sales. Remembrance Day was celebrated with the Corps parading at the Beverly Cenotaph. A mess dinner was provided for the Officers, Staff, Civilian Instructors and Cadets at the Norwood Legion. Special guests included Officers' and NCO's from the 1st Battalion and Regimental Headquarters, with Regimental history and memorabilia provided by the Regimental Headquarters. It was a memorable night for the members of 2551 and their families. The 2551 Army Cadet Corps has also had a very busy training year with the optional training offered by the Corps Officers. The Corps shooting team topped the Provincial Competition and proceeded to Nunavet to compete at a National Competition. The Corps biathlon team trained very hard, and competed at the Provincial Biathlon Competition held in Canmore, Alberta. The Corps provided a team to compete at a Wilderness Challenge competition held in Grande Cache, Alberta. This is a 35 mile, 2 day cross county competition.





2701 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps

By: c/MWO Sukhan and c/Wo McCall 2701 PPCLI

2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps in Winnipeg Manitoba has proven time and time again that it is one of the best corps in Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. From the beginning to the end of the year, the cadets are pushed to perform at their best physically as well as mentally. Those who join at the beginning of the year end up staying to the end and look forward to the next training year for they know that it holds new experiences and further opportunities to test their skills. This last year was a great opportunity for the new cadets as well as the seniors to develop new skills as well as use skills previously learned.

Last January cadets started as usual on the first Tuesday of the month and everyone was glad to be back to the structure of the cadet corps. As the year progressed regular training occurred on Tuesdays, Band or Drumline on Thursday and sport/shooting on Saturdays.



*The Manitoba North West Ontario Association Branch
takes sponsorship of the 2701 Cadet Corps*

The first exercise of the year was enjoyed very much by all even though it was conducted on the base due to extremely bad weather. The training that cadets participated in was setting up a ten-man tent, snow shoeing, knots and lashings, and packing a sled. Even though the temperatures were cold, and we slept in the drill hall the morale was up and the cadets had fun.

Throughout the training year the competitive rifle team attended multiple rifle competitions and placed fairly well. The rifle team trained every Saturday afternoon and put in many hours of hard work inside and outside of cadet time. This year, the rifle team continues to practice and hopes to place better than last year.

Along with a rifle team, the cadet corps had a biathlon team last year which ran and shot on Saturday mornings and went to skiing practices on Sundays.



In April 2003, the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario PPCLI Association became this unit's official sponsor. The Patricia Association has been extremely supportive to our corps and we look forward to many successful years.

In May, we headed off to Richer Manitoba on what we thought was going to be our final exercise of the year. We believe that the Richer exercise was the best of them all. It was enjoyed by all, especially the seniors who had a ball of their own. The training was different which was welcomed by all. At one point in the exercise, the section commanders had to go across a creek on a rope bridge built by their cadets. To say



Mantario Trail September 2003

the least in most attempts it ended with the section commander getting a little wet. The other activities consisted of patrolling, as well as shelter construction. In the evening, we had a bonfire followed by some good old camp stories.

During the last week of May, the cadets had their Annual inspection where the cadets had the chance to show off all of the skills that they had learned over the training year to family and friends. The day began early in the morning where the cadets had the chance to prepare for the parade to come. In the evening, after friends and family arrived, the parade began with the march-on followed by an inspection by Major Patrick, OC Rear Party 2VP. Afterwards the cadets displayed their annual projects to family and friends. These projects outlined the training year. Finally medals and awards were presented to those cadets who stood out from the rest. As the day concluded all the cadets were relieved that all of their hard work that they had done over the year paid off.

On the first weekend in June, eight members of the cadet corps competed in an Eco-challenge in Shilo Manitoba. They found this both physically and mentally exhausting. One of our two teams placed second out of eighteen. Later in the month of June, our cadet corps joined up with the Tommy Prince Cadet Corps to have an end of the training year BBQ. This BBQ was conducted in Shilo Manitoba and consisted of shooting (C7 for silver stars and above and Number 7 for red and green stars) and rappelling.



During the summer months, many of the cadets went off to summer camps. Several went to Vernon and Whitehorse and took part in regular training. Two of the cadets went to Vernon as staff. Two went to Connaught for the CL and CLI Marksman Course. Another two (RSM Dumas and CSM Sukhan) went to Trenton and went through the Canadian Forces Military Parachutist Course in which they both came back with their wings. Most all of the cadets who went to camp in the end didn't want to leave.

This training year started as usual on the first Tuesday of September with all the enjoyment of seeing those who hadn't been seen in months. The unusual factor was that the three most senior cadets were on expeditions (RSM Dumas, CSM Sukhan, and WO McCall). The next few Tuesdays were normal classes with breaks being used as camp story telling time between the cadets.

Early into September, the cadets that ranked above corporal went on a leadership weekend, which consisted of hiking the Mantario Trail. Along this journey we encountered many obstacles like the constant raining, slippery surfaces, water hazards and occasional detours. Overall that was an experience that will not be forgotten by those who attend for years to come.

The next large excursion that we went on was the first exercise of the year in Shilo Manitoba. Early on the Friday morning the advanced party headed out. It consisted of 2Lt Oliver, MCpl. Ricks (reg force), CSM Sukhan, WO McCall and Sgt Pereira. The training consisted of map and compass, navigation, knots and lashings and patrolling. The first exercise of the year was a great hit and enjoyed by all that attended. As December approached the cadets started to get anxious about the coming up break. Everyone was happy when winter break showed itself and some were even excited to be getting a break from cadets, but still were excited to see what the next year held for them.



FTX PATRICIA MOVE May 2003



3003 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps

The 3003 Battle River Army Cadet Corps of Edgerton had a very busy and successful 2002-2003 year, holding parades on Wednesday nights from 1900-2130hrs at the Edgerton School. The cadets participated in various day and weekend activities through out the year. We started off the year by participating in the Family Leisure Day at WATC, followed by a day at the Arm Lake Golf Course playing golf with family members, ending with a potluck supper. These activities were followed by a Camp Out at the Belanger Farm the next weekend, which consisted of sleeping in cadet built hoochies, learning about waste management, taking care of one's own kit, the buddy system, safe tool use, lighting stoves and lanterns and taking part in Fire Picket. In October, the Seniors took part in a Survival weekend while the Juniors continued to practice what they had learned in September. The month ended with a rappelling and shooting weekend at WATC.



Tree Planting 2003

Range practice dominated the months of November and December, with the exception of taking part in Remembrance Services at the Edgerton School, Paradise Valley School and The Edgerton Agriculture Hall. We also conducted a Christmas Party for the Corps in the month of December. The New Year found us once again at the range, PT testing and starting to get ready for our Fundraiser by doing a blitz of Wainwright. In February, we conducted range work, and Capt Belanger gave a Summer Camp presentation to parents and Cadets. The Air Rifle team attended Stage II MCS, the Gold Star Cadets wrote part 1 of the National Star Certification Exam, (NSCE). The .22 Calibre Team took part in and won the Army Cadet League Small Bore Shoulder to Shoulder shooting competition. This competition included Corps from Grand Prairie, Onoway, Lac La Biche and High Level. The rest of the Cadets from BRACC worked the event, with everyone finishing off the day with pizza and participating in Olympic games at Pockets in Wainwright, which was enjoyed by all. March started with range practice, finishing up the blitz in Wainwright, the Gold Star Cadets writing Part 2 of the NSCE. The Air Rifle Team took part in the Provincial Shoulder-to-Shoulder Shooting Competition in Edmonton. The Corps held our Annual Supper and Games Night on 22 March. The Fundraiser was once again a



big success; we would like to thank the parents, the Edgerton Legion, the businesses who donated prizes or money, and a very big thank you to all the community members who supported our annual fundraiser.

In April, the .22 Caliber Team sent in the mail in targets for the Detachment Mail in shoot and did a shoot and rappel weekend at WATC. The Corps went on a Citizenship tour to Calgary. In Calgary, the Cadets visited the Glenbow Museum, Regimental Museum and the Family Leisure Center for swimming. We traveled to Banff and had a Gondola ride, saw the Calgary Tower, and attended a show at the Cinescape. Weather did not permit a visit to the zoo, but did provide an adventurous trip home. May consisted of the testing weekend, Decoration Day at the Edgerton, Rosedale, Prospect Valley and Battle Valley, cemeteries, with the Cadets and families placing a poppy and flag on Veterans graves. Annual Inspection followed on 28 May with Lieutenant-Colonel B.G. Bailey, CD, Commanding Officer WATC, as the Reviewing Officer. In June the .22 Caliber Team traveled to Edmonton to compete in the Detachment Shoulder-to-Shoulder Competition, where they won first place. They then took part in Cadets Caring for Canada, this year working at the Three Cities Fair Grounds in Paradise Valley and then swimming in Lloydminster.

The Battle River Army Cadet Corps would like to thank the following: The Parents, Western Area Training Center, Royal Canadian Legion #168 Edgerton, Town of Edgerton, Marea Crews, Edgerton Fish and Game Range, Award Sponsors, and the volunteer teachers. A special thanks to the Transport section in WATC.



Belanger Farm 2003



Message from the President

Capt (Ret'd) Rudy Raidt, MMM, CD



I am told that in ancient Rome, Janus was the god of gates and doors and also of beginnings. He was a portrait with two faces: one looking back, the other looking forward. It is from him that we derive January, the time when we reflect on the past year and look forward to the new.

It is good to look over the road we traveled ... to reestablish our sense of direction, so that we may, together, with courage, continue toward our destination.

The last year was indeed a hectic year with some wonderful accomplishments. Across the Association we see Branches addressing their local issues head on; others are still struggling to find their place as their demographic situation changes.

It was also a year of unprecedented losses. No one can dispute the inevitability of such things, but the past year has seen the passing of so many stalwart and well beloved members. We will miss their support that some have given the Association for over 40 years. They will be remembered with deep affection by us all.

One element of successfully sustaining an organization, whether it is a Branch of the Association, or the Association itself, is being aware that change is occurring; it takes place continually and we must be prepared to deal with it. Sometimes, a change is small and gradual with little impact on us or our Branches; at other times, change can be major with far reaching effects. We have to understand the changes that are occurring to enable us, and our Association, to successfully meet the challenges of change.

Our focus remains with our membership. Notwithstanding our current membership level of 862, the number could be much higher. Far too few of retiring Patricias see the necessity of joining the Association - regrettably also, far too many serving Patricias fail to see the significance of joining the Association, some don't even know we exist!

We in the Association always believed that our Regimental family is composed of retired and serving Patricias. Yes, there are by practice differences in our governance, but we still are Patricias. The Association is not an old boys club, far from it; the Association has provided in the past, and will continue to do so, an invaluable service to the Regiment as a whole. An association provides people with an opportunity to be involved directly in something they like. Your Association provides a forum for discussion on Regimental matters. There is no doubt that the public image of the Regiment has been improved as a result of association activity. Therefore, the challenge is yours, serving or just retired, to join us and thus strengthen our Regimental family.



Atlantic Branch

The Atlantic Branch met for its AGM 19-21 September in St. Stephen, N.B. Hosted by Bev and Barb Earle, another enjoyable gathering was held. Bev had us up and at 'em early Saturday morning for the AGM, following a meet and greet the previous evening, which then left time for touring this very attractive part of our Country.

We were pleased to have BGen Ray Romses, Commander Land Forces Atlantic Area, and his wife Carol, as our guests of honour. They were joined by LCol Chris Corry, COS 36 Brigade, and his wife Robin. A very enjoyable dinner at the Milltown Legion was followed by a Regimental and Army update briefing by Ray Romses. Norm Ray was thanked for his long and dedicated service to the Branch.

A new figure has joined our Branch - we have a new mascot named "Hammy" - who will be a part of all future get-togethers. "Hammy" will serve to remind us, in an amusing way, of our past as a great Regiment and also remind us of the need to continue to celebrate this fact.

Exciting news - contact has been made with Ernie Mugford in Newfoundland and planning is underway to expand our Branch to include a number of retired and serving Patricias in our sister province. Ernie has located a number of retired members and LCol Chris Corry has informed us of several serving members in the Province. Travel costs will prevent much travel between us, but ways will be found to expand our connections and strengthen our bonds. We hope to have a representative join us for our next AGM in Cornwallis, N.S. 17-19 September 2004.

Ottawa Branch

2003 was a rather quiet year for the Ottawa Branch with only two meetings taking place. The Annual General meeting was held on the 8th of May at which the current Executive was returned by acclamation. The Annual Remembrance Day Service again was held at Lansdowne Park with over 125 retired, serving, family and friends attending.

This year, we had the added benefit of having a choral group in attendance thanks to the efforts of Bill Love. The Aged in Harmony led us in singing and at the end of the service entertained the members with a medley of World War One songs.

On 28 September 2003, the Korean War Memorial was unveiled and dedicated in Confederation Park in Ottawa. Don Reiben and Pat Dillon of the Ottawa Branch provided yeoman service to the committee to ensure that it went off without a hitch. Over 1000 Korean War Veterans attended with the Patricia contingent being the largest. Well done.

On a sad note, this year also saw the passing of Ed (Red) McMahon, John Noonan, Richard (Dick) Wallace and, two Patricia wives, Mrs Anna Hamilton and Mrs Ann Brigden. To their families go our deepest sympathies and condolences. They will be missed.



BGen Nordick and Mrs. Rita Mann laying wreath on behalf of Ottawa Patricias



Choral Group - The aged in harmony.

Two of our members and their wives departed the beautiful Ottawa Valley for the "Sunshine Coast". To Dell and Kent Foster and Yvette and Lou Barbeau go our best wishes and GOOD GOLFING.

South West Ontario Branch

The year 2003 was a good year for our Branch, as we were privileged to host the Association Annual General Meeting in St Catharines. It was a great success! We were no doubt aided in part by the geographical location, but the main reason for its success was because so many people from other Branches and Members at large must have contacted others and decided to attend. There were folks here from the Atlantic to the Pacific and all places in between resulting in the largest attendance at an AGM for many years! Besides having people in attendance from so many locations, two other highlights stand out in this writer's mind: firstly, the presence of so many serving Patricias from the Senior Patricia (B Gen Nordick) though to Cpl Furlong from 3 PPCLI (who stole the show after the formal meeting with his presentation); and secondly, the presence of Helen Sutherland. This was quite significant to our Branch as it was her late husband Suds Sutherland, who, as Colonel of the Regiment, had presented the Charter to our Branch some 16 years prior in Waterdown.

Prior to the AGM we had held a Regimental Day Brunch in March at which 40 people enjoyed some comraderie. We gained a few new younger members last year and it is hoped they will bring in more to keep the Branch strong.

Last fall, a number of our Korean Vets members journeyed to Ottawa for the unveiling ceremony of the Korean War Monument. This coming summer the South West Ontario Branch will, be the good Lord willing, have a contingent at the 90th Anniversary Celebrations/AGM in Edmonton where they look forward to relaxing and enjoying Western hospitality.

Manitoba North West Ontario Branch

Our first function of the year was the Branch Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on January 22nd. Len King was re-elected President, Cliff Fox Vice-President and D'Arcy Best Secretary-Treasurer, and Directors Roy Bailey, Don Collins, Bob Cumming, Gerry Hawkins, Nick Oshanski and Stu Weeks were all re-elected.

Our March 16 Ladies Day in the Second Battalion WOs & Sgts Mess was disappointing in one respect - only five ladies attended, and none of our widows were able to make it. However, the guys enjoyed themselves.

Most of Second Battalion's troops were in Bosnia on Kapyong Day so the Rear Party and Man/NW Ont Branch held a brief ceremony at the Kapyong Monument in front of the Officers' Mess. As Second Battalion's Colours were also in Bosnia our Branch Flag Party filled in on parade with Stu Weeks carrying the Canadian Flag and Cliff Fox the Branch flag, escorted by Warrant Officer Dave Mayor of Second Battalion. Following the ceremony, we retired to the WOs & Sgts Mess for the traditional "debriefing".



Our Casino and Barbecue on May 31 was a blast. Although not intended as a fund-raiser, we did make a few bucks on it. Most players who had any "Casino Money" left after the games, fortune teller and horse races spent it on the Silent Auction so we didn't have much of a line-up of players cashing in when it was all over.

The husband and wife team of Paul and Gillian Ryan certainly made their presence known at the Branch 17th Annual Golf Tournament on August 22nd. For the third consecutive year, Paul was tournament's top golfer, winning the President's Cup for Tournament Low Gross. Gillian captured the Norman L.G. McCowan Trophy for Tournament Low Net and a second trophy as the tournament's Best Lady Golfer. Gerry Franc earned the Alf Rooke Trophy for Association Members Low Gross and Kevin Schur was awarded the L.A. (Len) Quinlan Trophy for Association Members Low Net.

Our Annual Dinner on October 18 attracted the largest group we have had in recent years. Perhaps it was because members were aware that this was to be our last in the 2 PPCLI WOs & Sgts Mess. We were especially pleased to see from the World War Two era Fred and Jean Snell, Syd McKay, and Gladys Kuzyk. Following an excellent dinner, Major Steve Carr and CSM Tim Powers from Second Battalion brought us up to date on Battalion and Regimental happenings then Mr. Vic Rublitz, Commander, Royal Canadian Legion Winnipeg Metropolitan Committee, presented the Legion's Colour Party Competition "Runner Up" plaque and Certificates of Achievement to Len King, Susan Holfeuer, Don Collins and Stu Weeks. These four, along with Cliff Fox who was unable to attend the dinner, had formed a Branch Flag Party, attended the Legion's Colour Party Training Course and entered their competition, taking second place.

On November 9th, accompanied by Second Battalion's Colours, we attended our Annual Remembrance Service at All Saints Church. Corporal Yuri Miljevic-Laroche, 2 PPCLI, sounded Last Post and Reveille; Corporal Kevin Townsend, also 2 PPCLI, piped the Lament; and Major Rick Turner read one of the lessons.

The Branch observed Remembrance Day on November 11th at Kapyong Barracks with Second Battalion and the PPCLI Cadets. Following a service in the Drill Hall, wreaths were laid at the Kapyong Monument on behalf of the Association and Second Battalion, and then we retired to the WOs and Sgts Mess for the traditional clam chowder and moose-milk.

Our final event of the year was Second Battalion's Christmas Dinner on December 11th where Branch Members joined the troops for some camaraderie and a fine meal. We have enjoyed sitting with the serving soldiers on these annual celebrations and are saddened with the knowledge that this was our last Christmas at Kapyong Barracks.

We have finally decided that Charleswood Branch No. 100, Royal Canadian Legion will be our new home when Second Battalion moves to Shilo. We have held a couple of "Fourth Wednesday" Association Nights at the Charleswood Legion on October 26 and will continue to hold these monthly sessions there so our members can get acquainted with the place but we will hold our other functions at the 2 PPCLI WOs & Sgts Mess as long as we can. Drop by and see us sometime.

Calgary Branch

It feels like yesterday that I was doing the newsletter for 2002. Time really does go by faster as you get older.

The Calgary branch started 2003 off with holding elections for Vice-President and Secretary. Joe Schulz is now our Vice-President and Brenadette England became our secretary, (which made Fred Blackmore happy). Congratulations to you both. This year the President's and Vice-President's chairs will be open.

We also instituted two new programs to improve attendance to meetings. The first, we phone each member a few days prior to a meeting as a reminder. The second, we ask if they need a ride to the meeting. If a ride is needed it is arranged that another branch member picks them up.

We still carry on with our monthly happy hours and if you are in town please call Bob Zubkowski at 249 - 8107 to find out the location. The happy hour is the last Friday of each month, the location does change occasionally, so phone to get the proper location.

We were saddened by the news of the passing of Joe Burrridge who passed away from cancer on the 28th of Jan.

We had several members awarded the Queens Jubilee Medal. The recipients were Don Ardelian, George Arthurson, Rudy Raidt, Tom Reid, Ed McDow, and Rod Middleton. Congratulations!

"Beyond Danger the Danger Close" a book by Hub Gray, kicked off March. It's a great read covering the Second Battalion in Korea. Hub who was there with the Second in Korea lists all the participants on both sides and gives you some background to the history of Korea as well. What would March be without the Regimental Birthday celebrations and moose milk. The moose ran wild again this year bringing a visit of Calgary's finest to give a few members a ride, (and I don't mean home either!). All Patricias were honoured with the Regina Pats hockey team unveiling an alternative jersey, which heralds the 85th anniversary of junior hockey's oldest franchise. The commemorative sweater, features patches on each shoulder that recognize the team's affiliation with the Regiment. They wear a Patricia hat badge crest and a red and white P.P.C.L.I. shoulder title on each shoulder. Several members of the Regiment have also played for the team over the years. No other Regiment can boast of such an affiliation. When the Pat's are in your town go cheer them on.

Mike and Marlene Ritchie moved to Summerland BC in April so Mike can have a longer golf season.

We had a crushing loss on the 13th of April with the passing of B.A.J. Franklin.

Due to the hard work of Rod Middleton, Friday the 25th of April saw Museum of the Regiments unveil a statue to commemorate those who served in the Korean War. The statue of Malcolm McNeill who served with the Second Battalion in Korea from



1950 to 1951 was generously paid for by a Calgary businessman Mr. Duncan McNeill, brother of Malcolm. The ceremony was well attended by members of the Calgary Branch, the general public, city and government officials.

Fred Litchfield became a Grandfather on 17 May. We wonder if Fred will teach his grandson some of the things he used to do when he was in the Battalion. The Branch held its spring BBQ on the 31st which was well attended with over 60 people enjoying the evening. The food was good, the music was great and we owe it all to George Arthurson. "Oh Canada, A Day In the Life Of A Duty Bugler" Neil Gow of the Calgary Branch produced this CD which has the daily bugle calls of the Regiment with a few other selected tunes on it. During the summer I play this cd very loud throughout the day at the proper times, for the benefit of my civy neighbours. A must for the serious collector, available at the Kitshop in Edmonton.

Annual Golf Tournament

The PPCLI Association annual golf tournament was held on Sun. June 01/03 at the Tuner Valley Golf Club. For the first time in several years the nice weather gods smiled and thirty of us hackers enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of golf & camaraderie. After golf a delicious roast beef dinner was served and time was spent swapping stories and having a few well deserved cokes.

The evening ended with the presentation of team and individual skill prizes of which there were many. Each participant won a prize and in some cases two or three. The championship team consisted of Frank Jarbeau, Cal Kemp, Homer Touchette and Jerry Bowes. Skill prize winners were Dan Clark, Les Matt, Dave Rutherford, Molly Houghten, Jim Novak and Cal Kemp. I would like to thank all our sponsors; it is because of each of you that our tournament has become so successful. A special thanks to our major sponsor Mr. Jim Novak of Novak RV Ltd. The other sponsors are: CIBC, Woodgundy, Stylecraft Printing, Calgary CO-OP, PPCLI Association Calgary Branch, Canada Cement Lafarge, Rain Like Irrigation, Travelodge, Bunker to Bunker Books, Honens, Foothills Landscaping, Redwood Meadows Golf and Country Club. Individual sponsors, George Arthurson, Dave Sarahs, Wayne Arthurson, Ken Barrett and Jerry Bowes. To all members and their friends remember to keep the first Sunday of Jun 2004 open and join us for a round of Golf and a whole lot of fun.

I will take this time to thank Jerry Bowes for organizing the tournament this year it takes a lot of hard work. Thanks Jerry from all the branch members.

Taking a more active roll with the cadets, the Calgary Branch attended the P.P.C.L.I. Cadet Annual inspection on June 7th. The cadets were well turned out, with a promise from us to help out more often. This is being done with a Bruce Nickel coaching the cadet biathlon team. Other members will be helping out teaching other military skills throughout the training year. Mustache Pete's was the scene for the happy hour. What a night (that's the parts that we remember anyway!)

We stood down for the summer in July and August.

We lost another good Patricia with the passing of Andy Kraley on 5th of July. I sure miss his stories.

We were extremely happy to hear that Rod Middleton was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Civil Division in recognition of his involvement with the PPCLI Gallery at the Museum of the Regiments. Rod works hard to ensure our history is well told. Congratulations Rod.

Terry and Debbie Lauzon tied the knot on the 16th August, the same weekend as the 6th annual RV and BBQ at San-Ray Acres, home of Jack and Sandi Rayner. We had 50 people in attendance this year with, Barney Barnhart, Lyle Saumer and, Fred Goldring from Edmonton. Friday night was kicked off with a western summer followed by Karaoke. We aren't sure who were better us or the coyotes. Saturday was the standard stampede breakfast followed by golf on Jacks golf course with horse shoes in the afternoon. When things got too hot some people took a dip in Jack's pool and other took a snooze. After a fine supper Bob Finney also known as Hose A started off the campfire songs followed by Lyle. We also were entertained by a young bag pipe player from the Drummond family, who lives down the road from Jack and Sandi. The singing lasted well into the night. Sunday breakfast was a little slower paced. By noon most had said their good-byes with promises to be at the RV next year. We hope that you will also come out next year. This is family orientated so bring the kids and your pets. It's a great way to see and visit old buddies. The wives enjoy visiting, not having to cook or clean. Us fellows do all that. Even if you only come for the day. We camp in everything from cars, tents, to RVs. So please make an effort to join us this year!!



The boys at the Better 'Oe



The boys and the girls at the Better 'Ole

"As Long As Faith And Freedom Last" by Bob Zubkowski, became available at Bunker to Bunker Books and the Kitshop in October. The book is, personal stories, letters, anecdotes, diaries, of those who served in the trenches during World War One. We finished October off with an Oktoberfest, lots of German beer, polkas and bratwurst.



The Calgary Branch dances up a storm during Oktoberfest '03

The following members worked at putting out the poppy boxes this year, Jerry Bowes, Fred Litchfield, Doug MacIlsac, Joe Schulz, Bob Zubkowski. On tag day, Neal Bynkoski, Jim White, Rod Hunter, Doug MacIlsac, Fred Litchfield, Bob Zubkowski, Bruce Nickel, Ken Smith, Mac Walker, George Arthurson worked in shifts along with

the Cadets insuring the public were able to buy a poppy . Thanks to all who helped out. A cool November 11th found us spread out at various ceremonies in the city and surrounding areas. The public came out in droves which was nice to see. Ken Villiger laid the wreath at the Jubilee for the branch while Bob Adams laid the wreath at the Museum. Thank you to everyone who helped out. The Cadets held an open house on the 18th of November. Members of the Branch attended with Joe Schulz presenting \$100.00 donation to the Cadets for working on tag day.

We had some major changes in our executive this year. Bob Adams stood down as funeral rep and Sergeant-at-Arms. Bob continues to help out with branch duties and at the museum. We thank you very much Bob for your hard work. George Arthurson has stood down from entertainment and has take on the tasking of Sergeant-at-Arms. Thank you George for all the years of hard work making our parties a success. As Sergeant-at-Arms George has made sure the meetings start on time under the watchful eye of Bob Adams. Neal Bynkoski and Jim White have stood down as Kitshop reps and we thank the both of you for your hard work. During our November meeting Bob Dumont received his Aboriginal Service Medal.



Bob Dumont is presented his Aboriginal Service Medal from John Friedt at the November meeting of the Calgary Branch

We stood down in December but had reps at the Cadet Christmas party. Thanks to the hard work of Bruce Nickel the Patricia Cadets had several members rank in the top ten in biathlon competition. Next time you hear from us we will have a new executive moving our branch along.

Wainwright Branch

The Wainwright Branch had a quiet year in 2003. We were involved in a number of important activities. We had a surprise visitor in September, Major-General R.I. Stewart, the Colonel of the Regiment. It was an honour to have him visit Wainwright and have a chance to view a number of recruit platoons in training and to speak to them as a group later at a BBQ. The Branch had the pleasure of the Colonel of the Regiment's company at the BBQ, renewing friendships from old running comrades, catching up on what has been happening and the telling of "war stories", of which have not been included to protect the "innocent"! It was a great visit with all the members enjoying the time spent with the COR over a few pops. The Wainwright Branch still shows the Colours of the Association and (Always a Patricia) with a presence at Graduation parades of our new Patricias, presenting the Most Improved Candidate Award.



*Constable Casey presents
Most Improved Candidate
award to Pte Slack, K.C.
North West Europe 0309*

*Mr. Peereboon presents Most
Improved Candidate award to
Pte Locke, B.M. Hitler Line
0201*



The Branch attended seven graduation parades in 2003 and was impressed by the calibre of soldier that LFWATC is sending to the Regiment. The instructors are to be commended for the job they are doing. The Branch was approached by the Wainwright Community Health Foundation asking if we would be interested in donating to the Wainwright Hospital to assist in purchasing a bed for the hospital. The Branch members were canvassed and with positive feedback we went ahead with the donation, donating enough money to buy a bed for the hospital. Our annual Christmas din-

ner had to be moved from the Legion due to a water line break leaving us scrambling for a new location. Thanks to Wally and Louella, we moved to the Galleria restaurant, where, in true Patricia fashion, they were fine hosts providing us with a very successful dinner. In closing, from all members, see you all at the 90th Celebrations.



*Mr Revoy presents Most Improved Candidate to
Pte Whitehall, A.R. Rimini Line 0308*

Edmonton Branch

The 2003 was a very good year for the Branch. Membership grew by almost 10 percent, despite the loss of two of our members, Roy Ellison and Jim Hamm and a member moving to sunny B.C. The highlight of the year was the visit of Lady Patricia in June.

Throughout the year, several members travelled to various Patricia functions in other parts of Canada; the 2003 AGM in St. Catharines, the annual Retired PPCLI WOs and Sgts Mess function in Penticton and the annual Calgary campout weekend in August. As well, many of our members attended the 62nd Anniversary of Parachuting in the Military last June. We kept busy locally with continued support to the PPCLI Cadets, Remembrance Day ceremonies, Fr zenberg Day as well as attending parades and events with the 1st and 3rd Battalions. Several members attended and served at the Soldiers' Christmas dinner at the base. The dedication ceremony for the new Korean Veterans monument dedication, the branch was well represented by Bill Lee. Three of our long time members; Lloyd Holden, Pat Munro and John Johnston were recognized and honoured for their long, dedicated and meritorious service to the branch.

The talk now is about the much awaited for and anticipated 90th Anniversary of the Regiment and the celebrations that will take place in June. Some members have plans to attend the 2nd Battalion's ceremonies and events in conjunction with the anniversary and subsequent move to Shilo. Also, the branch is discussing and looking forward to the next Op MARGUERITE that Wainwright may hold again in 2005.

The branch wishes everyone a great year, and hope to see as many of you as possible in June at the 90th.



Victoria Branch

The Branch was fortunate to have visits from two distinguished individuals during 2003. Pat Stogran came in March and Lew MacKenzie was here in November. Colonel Stogran gave us an informal talk on his and the 3rd Battalion's tour in Afghanistan. It was very informative, with plenty of insights that you don't get from the news media. Lew came to Victoria as the guest speaker at a fundraising lunch for the Broadmead Lodge, the local Veterans' home. We were lucky in having him able to find a couple of hours in his schedule to have a drink with us at the Base Wardroom.

We had a successful Regimental Birthday Dinner at the Langford Legion on March 16th. The numbers attending the dinner remain steady, but most of us are getting on in years and driving at night isn't the fun it used to be. So we may have to make it a buffet lunch for the birthday this year.

A few new younger members have joined the Branch recently, Stacy Trudgian, Tony White, Luke DeCosta and Joe Demetrius. They have lowered the average age of the Branch members considerably.

Since the Branch now holds only three meetings a year and a dinner, we decided to have informal get-togethers for lunch at the Esquimalt Legion on the last Thursday of each month. We have had only a couple of lunches to date and although not many have turned out so far, those that do show up have a good time and we hope to see more members turn out as the idea catches on.

The Branch Wreath was laid, as usual, at the Esquimalt Remembrance Day service by Jac de Bruijne and Harry Miller. We were pleased to learn later that the recruits under training at Work Point had a service at the PPCLI cairn in the barracks. In particular, their service was in remembrance of those killed in Afghanistan.

Vancouver Branch

The Branch started their year off in January with the Annual General Meeting, and the current Executive was unanimously elected to their second two-year term. On Sunday, March 16 2003 we met in the Anderson Room of the Seaforth Armory for our Annual Regimental Day Luncheon. We had a very successful day with a total of 25 members and their ladies present. The President presented Branch Appreciation Certificates to Garry Jantzen and Fred Udell, for all the time and work they had put into the Branch over the years. We were pleased to have Sgt Raoul Vadgama from the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada representing the PMC of WO's & Sgts Mess as well as RSS Patricia WO John McKenzie. Don Parr-Pearson gave an informative talk on the progress he and Don Urquhart had made in helping the Seaforth Association with their memorabilia and Museum. We also held a raffle and through the generous donations of several members and thanks to the hard work of selling tickets by Pat Parr-Pearson and Don Boyce we took in a nice sum.

In April we lost a long time member Clayton W. Hutchings, who had been ill for a couple of years after a plane accident. In May we lost another long time member Allan W. Redmond.



President Tom Holland presenting Gary & Fred with their Branch Certificates of Appreciation

At the end of August we held our Annual BBQ at the home of Val & Ken Tutte. As usual the Tutte Family put on a fantastic afternoon, with a fabulous steak dinner and wonderful hospitality. Garry Jantzen also did her usual fabulous job of selling raffle tickets, even though she was not feeling well, we also had a very generous amount of items donated for the draw. All had a good time, and the weather co-operated this year with much sunshine. We had a total of 31 members and their ladies present and 11 visitors. It was nice to see Jim Shaw out and looking good since his operation. We were also pleased to have Ed Hanson and his wife Linda, as well as Marnie and John Carson visiting from Victoria. Peter Seiersen, who is now a member, came over for the day from Ladysmith. Val and Ken had 3 family members present, some of whom were from out of town. We were also pleased to welcome Helga Boyce's sister, Brigitte and Gwen and Brian Whitworth, friends of Val and Ken. It was nice to see some of our newer members and their wives attend. Thank you to everyone who made it a fabulous afternoon, including the weatherman who co-operated beautifully.

Unfortunately, after a brief time in hospital, on November 30 Fred Udell answered his Last Post.

On Sunday, December 14th we held our annual Xmas Party at the lovely home of Jenny & Don Urquhart with a total of 18 Members and their wives present plus 3 guests for a total of 30. Numerous people provided the finger food and of course Tom brought his "Deviled Eggs". It was good to see Tommy Ross and his wife up from

Seattle to pay us an unexpected visit. Once again, the Branch picked up the tab for the food and bar. We had an excellent turnout and donations from every member of an item for the raffle or cash donation toward expenses. We were pleased to see Garry out to the Event, along with Fred's daughter Heather. Don Boyce and Glenn Palmer sold raffle tickets. Thanks to everyone for a successful function and to Jenny and Don Urquhart for their hard work setting up for the party and the use of their lovely home for the event and for our Executive Meetings.

Our membership is holding steady as we finished the year with a total 69 members; and though we lost 6 members, we gained 7 new members.



(L to R) Marion Strachan, Muriel Basham and Garry Jantzen ready to go to work.



**PPCLI WOs' & Snr NCOs' Club (Retired)
President Ed Hansen**



As I write this report I am struck with the realization that within a very few days the year 2003 will have slipped into history. For our retired Club, it was a banner year for comradeship but clouded with deep sadness in the loss of fourteen of our members.

Our 27th Annual Anniversary Dinner was held in Penticton, BC on the 29th of May 2003, and, as all past dinners, it can only be described as magnificent, followed by great entertainment by Linda Jones & Company. Despite last minute cancellations due to sickness or medical appointments, we sat 140 members and guests down to dinner.



Dinner May 2003 - Ken Stewart, Dori Stewart, Ed Hansen, Linda Hansen and Bob Casement

The Club's 60th General Meeting and get-together was held at the Piklee Post in Victoria, BC on the 17th of September 2003, hosted by Linda Hansen. With an abundance of good rations, good beer and excellent comradeship, all of which resurrected a plethora of embellished "true lies".

We will not hold an annual dinner in 2004, this being the Regiment's 90th Anniversary celebrations and therefore as per Club policy, we always defer to the Regiment on these occasions to encourage maximum attendance of our members. We look forward to seeing and renewing acquaintances with many of our comrades. Our next Annual Dinner will be held in May of 2005.

On behalf of all members we send sincere best wishes to Patricias everywhere and to all other Canadian service personnel, particularly those who are presently serving overseas in the many theatres of global unrest, our thoughts are with them. When old Father Time flashes the green light that means "GO" through 2004, we know they



will carry on together to still bigger accomplishments. We sincerely hope that they will find the road ahead filled with good health and good fortune... with every passing marker bringing them closer to their Goal of a safe return home to their families and loved ones.



Dinner May 2003 - (L-R) Al and Alice Burke, Ken and Dori Stewart



Members of the Club



Last Post

Name	Service	Date	Place
Glen (Robbie) Robson	WWII	January 8, 2003	Winnipeg MB
Duncan C.M. McDonell	PF, WWII, Reg	January 18, 2003	Edmonton AB
Victor Omer David	WWII	January 31, 2003	Winnipeg MB
Albert H.J. Pelland	WWII	February 1, 2003	Powerview MB
George L.D. Vanstone	WWII	February 11, 2003	Winnipeg MB
Alexander J. Kabel	Korea	March 16, 2003	Winnipeg MB
David Bernard	WWII	March 24, 2003	Victoria BC
Harry Manning	Korea	April 10, 2003	
James Moffatt	Korea, Reg	April 11, 2003	Drumheller AB
Berkeley A.J. Franklin	WWII, Korea, Reg	April 13, 2003	Calgary AB
Fred L. Berry		April 13, 2003	Kamloops BC
Clayton Hutchings	Korea	April 11, 2003	Cornerbrook NL
Allan Forrest Davies	WWII	April 16, 2003	Brandon MB
Wilfred James Favel	Korea	April 18, 2003	Winnipeg MB
Reginald S. Graham	WWII, Reg	April 21, 2003	Qualicum Beach BC
William J. D. Wyatt	WWII, Korea, Reg	April 21, 2003	Kingston ON
Augusta (Percy) Cook	Korea	April 27, 2003	Nanaimo BC
William H. McDonald	WWII	April 30, 2003	Brandon MB
Gordon K. McCartney	Korea	May 2, 2003	Winnipeg MB
Allan W. Redmond	Reg	May 2, 2003	North Delta BC
Arthur Woodley	Korea, Reg	May 5, 2003	
Dean F. Smith	WWII, Korea, Reg	May 7, 2003	Victoria BC
Rod (Howie) Howitt	Korea	May 10, 2003	Trenton ON
Ed McMahon	WWII, Korea, Reg	May 14, 2003	Ottawa, ON
Frank Leggett	Reg	May 19, 2003	Trenton ON
Frank J. Gray	WWII	May 23, 2003	Winnipeg MB
William J.B. Forsyth	PF, WWII	May 26, 2003	Duarte, California
Dmytro Stetz	WWII	June 6, 2003	Girlni MB

Name	Service	Date	Place
William (Bill) Hladiuk	WWII	June 7, 2003	Winnipeg MB
James C. Coutts	PF, WWII, Korea, Reg	June 9, 2003	Victoria BC
Dennis Simmons	Reg	June 11, 2003	Airdrie, AB
Harold Lewis Houghton	Reg	June 15, 2003	Calgary, AB
Matthew Small	WW II	June 22, 2003	Winnipeg, MB
Andrew J. Kralej	Korea	July 5, 2003	Calgary, AB
Jamie D. Vermeulen	Reg	July 6, 2003	Croatia
William H. Engen		July 18, 2003	Regina, SK
G.M. Butcher	WW II	July 18, 2003	Keremos, BC
Gordon C. Schamehorn	Korea, Reg	August 10, 2003	St. Albert, AB
Ray Ellison	Reg	August 12, 2003	Edmonton, AB
Pius Alonzo Hurley	Korea	August 15, 2003	Badger, NL
John D. Noonan	Reg	August 16, 2003	Nepean, ON
George Dearle	WW II, Reg	August 26, 2003	Port Alberni, BC
Edward (Joe) Walushka	WW II, Korea, Reg	August 30, 2003	Victoria, BC
Donald C. Denison	WW II, Reg	September 1, 2003	Halifax, NS
Bruce Lloyd	Reg	September 4, 2003	Camrose, AB
James Wyman	Korea	2003	Ottawa, ON
Evan B.H. Griffin	UK	December 9, 2002	Manning, AB
Rev. Walter A. Mann	Korea	July 25, 2003	Toronto, ON
Frank S. Drysdale	Korea	September 21, 2003	Calgary, AB
Richard Connor		September 19, 2003	Edmonton, AB
Alfred A.G. Machel	WW II	October 8, 2003	Beausejour, MB
Alfred J. Sauve	Korea	September 30, 2003	Medicine Hat, AB
James Ham	WW II, Korea, Reg	October 22, 2003	Boyle, AB
John M. Sealy	WW II	October 7, 2003	Huxley, AB
William B. Kilbourne	WW II	October 18, 2003	Portage la Prairie, MB
Alfred J Rooke	WW II	November 4, 2003	Winnipeg, MB
Gordon A Paullus	Reg	November 8, 2003	Winnipeg, MB
Glen R. Peterson	Reg, NATO	November 22, 2003	Victoria, BC
Octave J. Guilmette	WW II, Korea	November 22, 2003	Winnipeg, MB
Allan M. Haber	WWII, Reg	October 30, 2003	Edmonton, AB
James S. Hill		October 31, 2003	St. Albert, AB
Jean L.A. Halle		November 6, 2003	Edmonton, AB
William (Bill) Stevens	WWII	November 27, 2003	Victoria, BC
Robert L. Masterman	WWII	November 28, 2003	Gimli, MB
Fred Udell	WWII, Korea, Reg	November 30, 2003	Vancouver, BC
Herve Beroud	WWII	December, 2003	Camper, MB
Arthur Meeches	Korea, Reg	December 7, 2003	Long Plain, MB
John A. Veronelly	Korea, Reg	December 13, 2003	Calgary, AB
Benjamin Henderson	WWII	December 13, 2003	Winnipeg, MB
John T. Hopkins	Korea	December 17, 2003	Winnipeg, MB
William(Bill) E. Buxton	PF, WWII, Reg	December 18, 2003	Winnipeg, MB
Ernest Pawl (Pawloske)	Korea, Reg	December 21, 2003	Edmonton, AB
William(Bill) Davis	WWII, Korea, Reg	December 22, 2003	Vernon, BC
David A. Darby	PF, WWI	December 24, 2003	Regina, SK
John J. Warren	Reg	September 28, 2003	Clementsport, NS
Clay Cameron	Reg	May 20, 2003	Kingston, ON

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